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the explosively human
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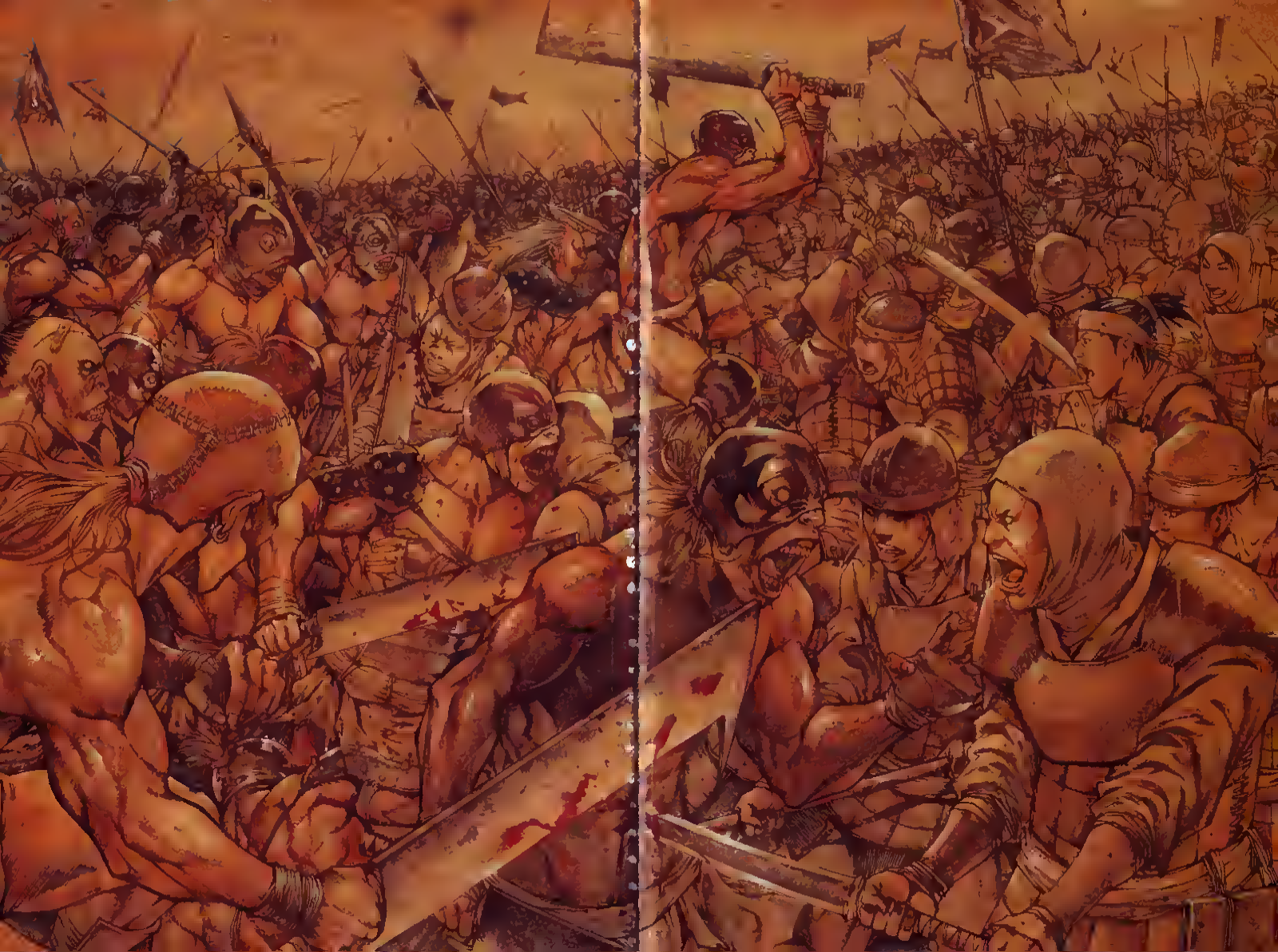

Chapter 1
A MAN WITH A JOB

SHF
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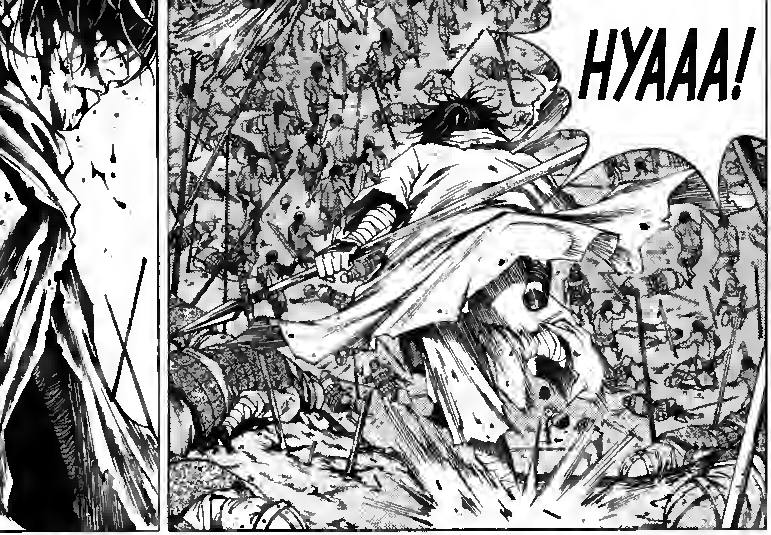
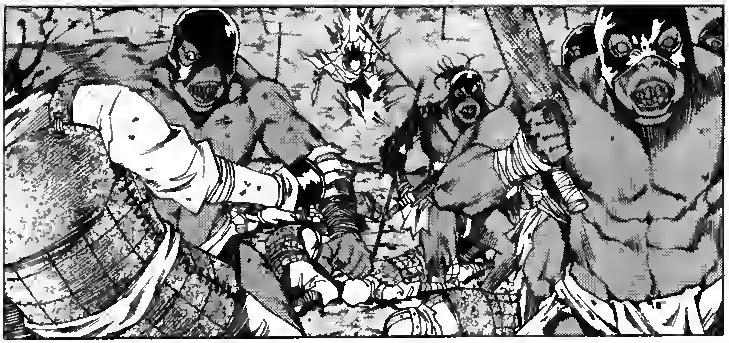
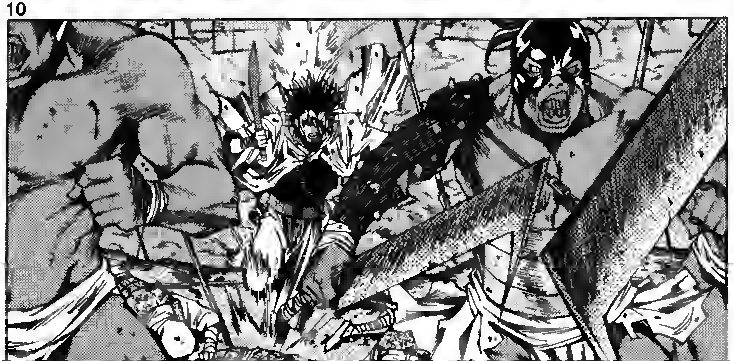
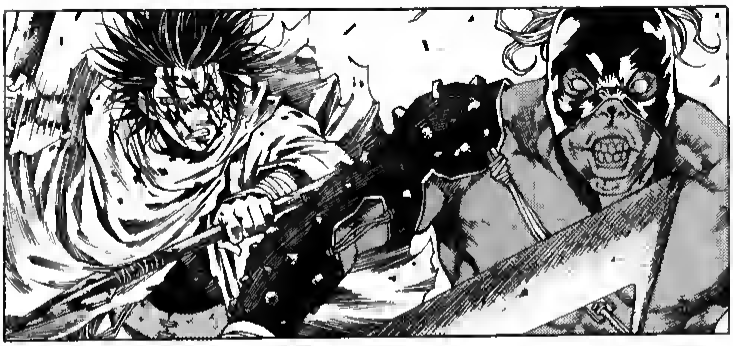
FTCH


HYAAA!







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KRAAA!

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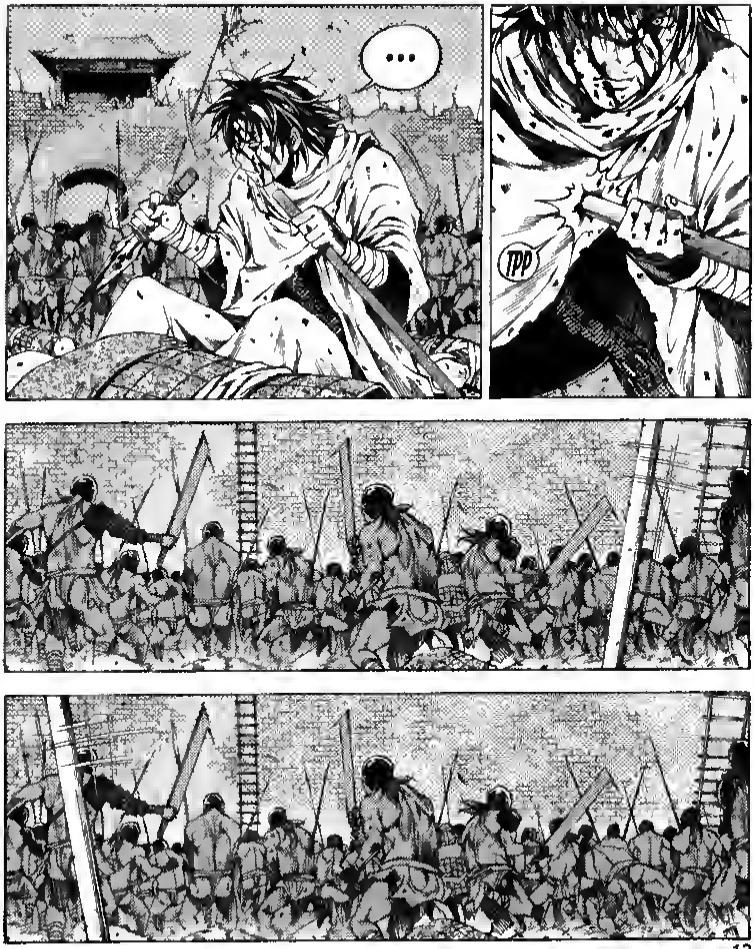
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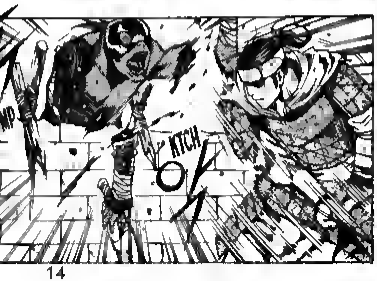
YEEAA!
KYAAA!
=HRRK=
=HKK=
GRAGH!
KRAA!
HRRGH!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DON'T LET A SINGLE TORREN ENTER THE CASTLE!
STOP THEM AT ANY COST!

EH?
TH-THIS IS SUICIDE...
!!
WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS... I DIDN'T COME HERE TO DIE!
THEY SAID THIS WAS THE SAFEST PLACE ON THE BORDER! I SPENT GOOD MONEY TO BE HERE!
WHAT HAVE I DONE...?
ON YOUR FEET, YOU FOOL! GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!
WE'RE IN A BATTLE! GET UP AND FIGHT!
KHHK!
WHAT'S THE POINT OF FIGHTING?! WE'LL JUST GET SLAUGHTERED!

YOU COWARDLY LITTLE--!
HRR!
NO!

AUGGH!
CHUNK
?!
FWSH
FIGHT!
GET UP AND FIGHT!
YOU MUST, IF YOU WANT TO LIVE!
G-GENERAL ...
BUT...NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO GET THROUGH THESE BASTARDS SURROUNDING OUR CASTLE
ATTENTION ALL ARMS! WE MUST DEFEND THE CASTLE AT ANY COST!
YET I FEAR HE MAY BE RIGHT. WE'RE WEAKENING!
WE MUST SEND FOR REINFORCE-MENTS!
GATHER YOUR COURAGE AND HOLD YOUR POSITIONS!
WE MUST FIND A WAY!

SHFF

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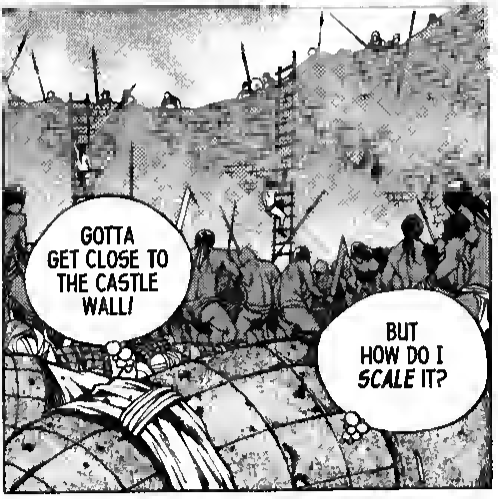
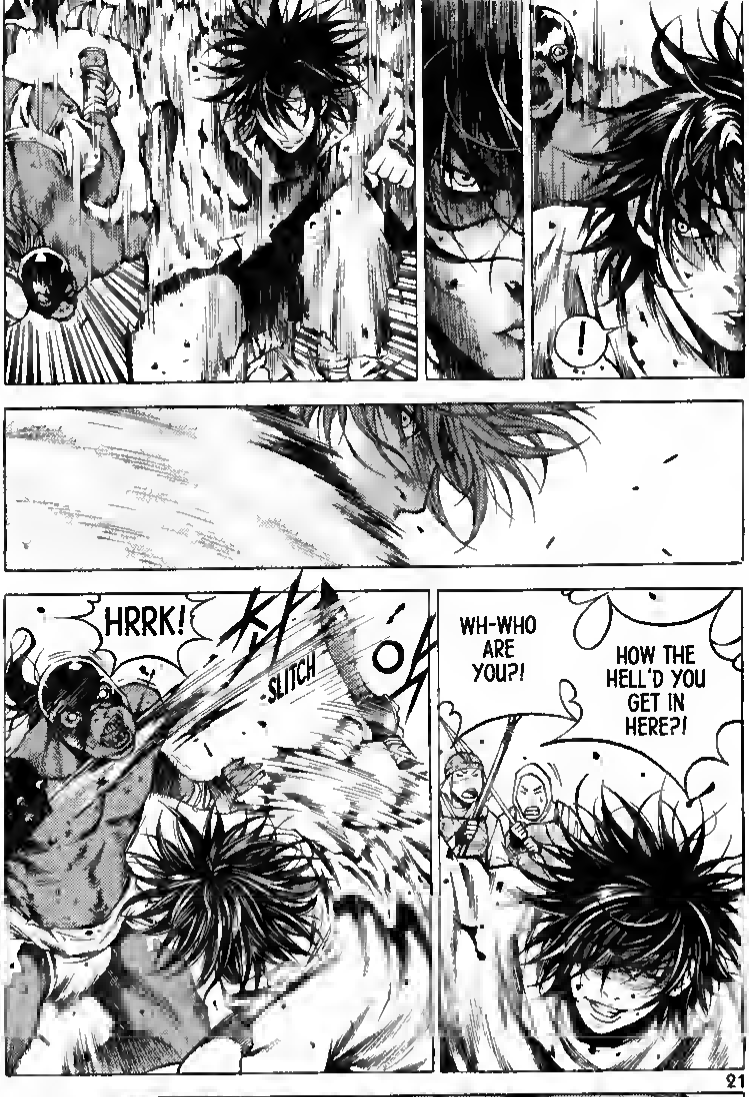

GOTTA GET CLOSE TO THE CASTLE WALL!
BUT HOW DO I *SCALE* IT?

!!

GRAAAH!
TMP
?!
TMP
TMP
?!
WHAT THE--?!
TMP
TOK
CHKK
HYAAH!

BA
WONGG
?!

AAUGH!
SKA
WKK
HUH?
?!
THAPP
FWSH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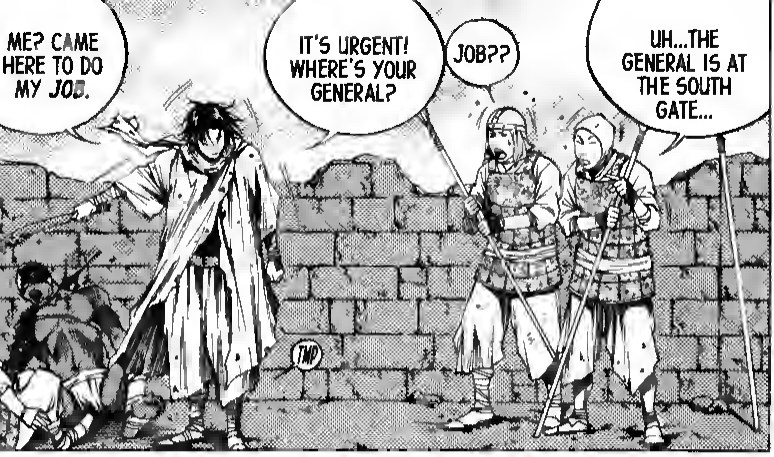
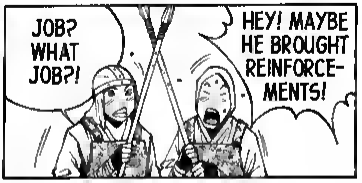
HRRK!
SLITCH
WH-WHO ARE YOU?!
HOW THE HELL'D YOU GET IN HERE?!

FWSH

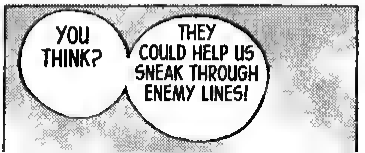

ME? CAME HERE TO DO MY JOB.
IT'S URGENT! WHERE'S YOUR GENERAL?
JOB??
UH...THE GENERAL IS AT THE SOUTH GATE...
THP

OVER THERE?

WHA--?
?
THMP
THMP
THMP
THMP


JOB? WHAT JOB?!
HEY! MAYBE HE BROUGHT REINFORCE-MENTS!

WHAT?! I DON'T SEE ANY REINFORCE-MENTS!
WELL...MAYBE HE'S GOT NINJA GUYS! I HEAR THEY MOVE LIKE SHADOWS!

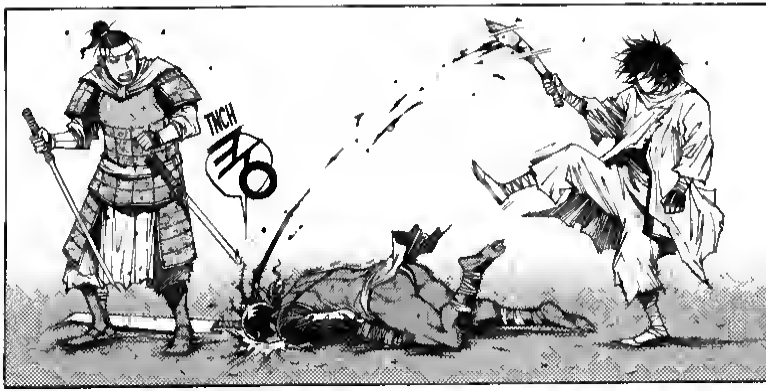

YOU THINK?
THEY COULD HELP US SNEAK THROUGH ENEMY LINES!

HRAAH!
SHUKK
TWK
TWK

DIE!
DIE, YOU
BASTARDS!
SPTCH

GENERAL,
BEHIND
YOU--
?!

!!
HRR!
PWCH
CHAKK
?!
KRK

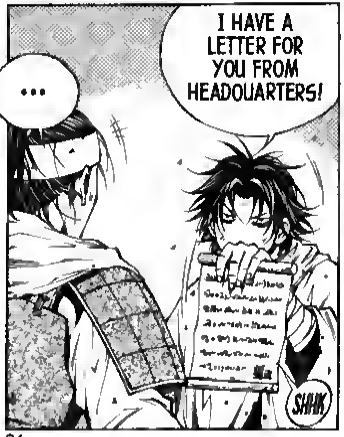

THCK!

TH-THANK YOU!
YOU SAVED MY LIFE!
ARE YOU GENERAL GUNSUL?

?!
YES... THAT'S ME.
WHO'S ASKING?

I'M...
...FAST. PRECISE. SECURE.

SOMEONE WITH A DELIVERY.
I'M *BANYA* OF THE POSTAL SERVICE!
SHFF
SHFF


I HAVE A LETTER FOR YOU FROM HEADQUARTERS!
...
SHHK

...
"THE ENEMY'S MOVEMENTS ARE SUSPICIOUS. GATHER YOUR TROOPS AND *BE VIGILANT*" ..?!
WHAT?! THEY... THEY HAVE *NO IDEA* HOW BAD IT IS HERE!

WELP, MY JOB IS DONE HERE, SO--
?!
FWSH

WAIT! HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?!
THERE ISN'T A DELIVERY I CAN'T MAKE.
FAST. PRECISE. SECURE. I ALWAYS DELIVER.
This ain't nuthin!
IF YOU CAN GET IN, YOU CAN GET OUT, RIGHT?!
DO MONKEYS THROW POO?
THEN...THEN THERE'S STILL HOPE!
REPORT TO HEADQUARTERS RIGHT AWAY!
WE'RE ABOUT TO COLLAPSE HERE... ANOTHER SURGE FROM THE ENEMY, AND THE CASTLE WILL FALL! TELL HEADQUARTERS TO SEND REINFORCEMENTS IMMEDIATELY!
THERE'S NOT A SECOND TO SPARE! HURRY!
...

HUH?
WHAT'S WITH THE HAND?
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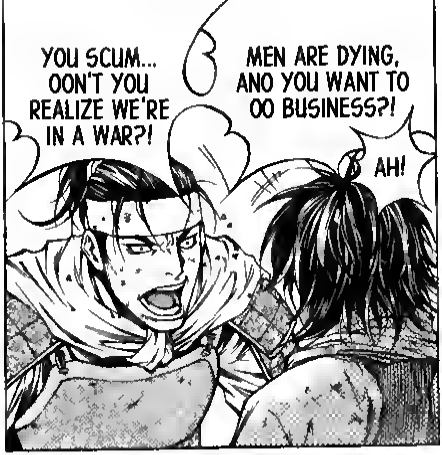
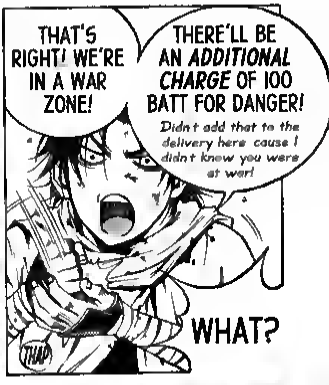
100 BATT FOR STANDARD.
180 BATT FOR PRIORITY.
250 BATT FOR EXPRESS.
WHAT ?!


YOU SCUM... OON'T YOU REALIZE WE'RE IN A WAR?!
MEN ARE DYING, ANO YOU WANT TO OO BUSINESS?!
AH!


THAT'S RIGHT! WE'RE IN A WAR ZONE!
THERE'LL BE AN *ADDITIONAL CHARGE* OF 100 BATT FOR DANGER!
Didn't add that to the delivery here cause I didn't know you were at war!
THAP
WHAT?

YOU...YOU SLIMY--
TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT, PAL.

GRR...

GRAAH!!
GYAAA!!
SONUVA --!
...

OKAY...ALL RIGHT!

EX...
EX-PRESS!

DONE! FAST. PRECISE. SECURE. YOUR LETTER IS AS GOOD AS THERE!
SO WITH EXPRESS DELIVERY AND THE DANGER CHARGE, YOUR TOTAL COMES TO 350 BATT!

200...
300, 310...
320...
330...
YAAH! THE ENEMY'S GETTING STRONGER!
HRK!
HOLD YOUR POSITIONS!
HKK!
KYAAH!
HRARR!

340...
THERE, 350 BATT!

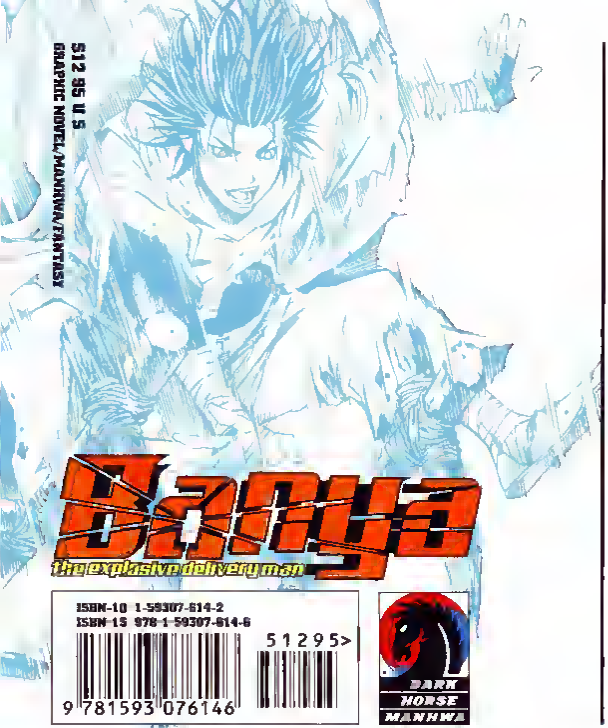
ARE WE DONE?
WONDER IF I COULD PAY TO SLIT HIS THROAT...
DONE!
OK

WELP, TAKE IT EASY!
AND DON'T WORRY, IT'LL BE EXPRESS DELIVERY!
BUT...
...HOW THE HELL DO YOU PLAN TO GET OUT OF HERE?
WHEN I'VE GOT A DELIVERY TO MAKE--
?
TNK
--NOTHING STOPS ME FROM COMPLETING MY JOB.
...?
THAT'S A SOLEMN OATH!
JUST GIVE ME A JOB!

HUH ?!
TMP
PAAH
AND THAT'S HOW THEY WERE!
PLEDGING NO ALLEGIANCE TO ANY COUNTRY. THEY WERE BANDED TOGETHER UNDER A PLEDGE OF A DIFFERENT KIND...

...A PLEDGE TO DELIVER. "FAST. PRECISE. SECURE." THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY.
THEY WERE DELIVERY MEN!

Banya
the explosive delivery man



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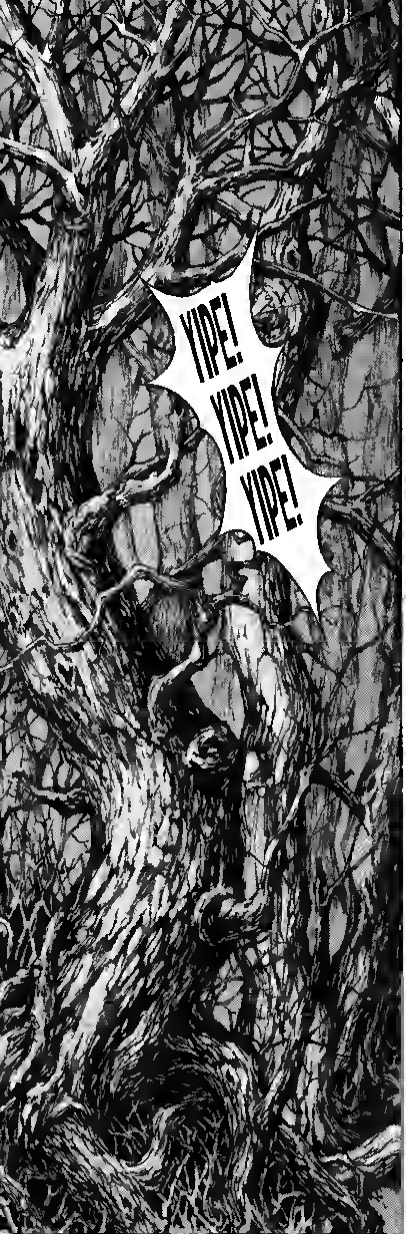
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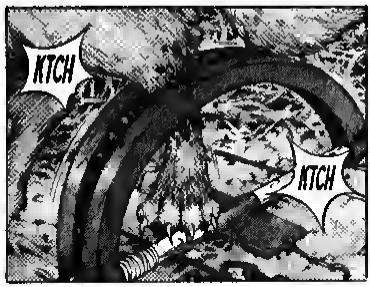

KTCH
KTCH

SHFF

OH, POOR THING...YOU'RE TRAPPED!

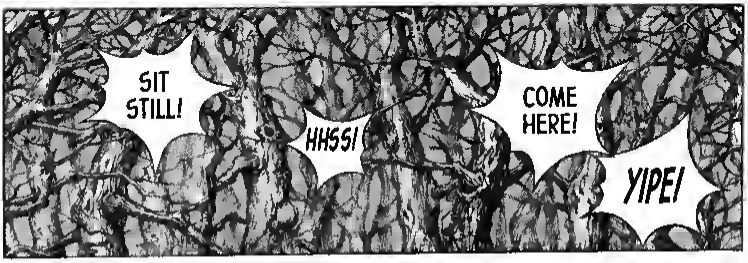
HEY... LITTLE GUY...
DON'T BE SCARED...
?!
HRRR...
HHSSS!
FTCH
EEK!

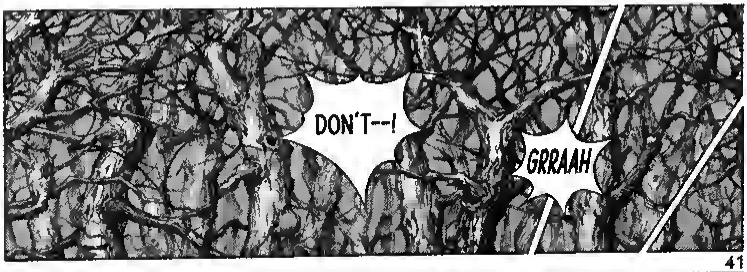
OW! YOU LITTLE--
I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU!

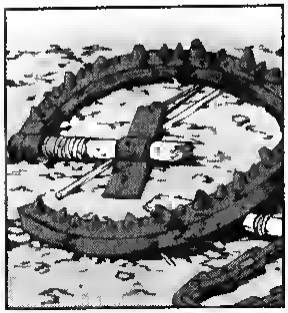
I'M TRYING TO SAVE YOU! JUST SIT STILL, OKAY?
GOOD BOY!

...
HHSSS!
HRRRR!
HRARR!
ATCH!
ATCH!

FOR THE LUVVA--I'M TRYING TO BE NICE TO YOU!
GRRRR!


SIT STILL!
HHSS!
COME HERE!
YIPE!


DON'T--!
GRRAAH



THP
THP

...
HOP
HOP
.....
HFF!
WATCH WHERE YOU STEP NEXT TIME!
BYE!

I'VE WASTED WAY TOO MUCH TIME HERE.
BETTER GET A MOVE ON...
...GOT A DELIVERY TO MAKE!

!
WAIT...
...THIS IS WHERE I FIRST MET HIM.
HAS IT BEEN FOUR YEARS ALREADY...?

SNFF
SNFF

바스락
HARU HARU
?!

...
SHF

NOT... ANOTHER... STEP!
ANY CLOSER... AND I'LL KILL YOU!
HE'S JUST...A PUPPY
...
HE'S...

SNFF!
?!
WAAAAH!
WHY DID YOU KILL HIM?! HE'S JUST A PUPPY!! OH YOU POOR THING...!
...
I...
I WAS HUNGRY...
WAAAAHH!

...
HAPPY NOW?
...
Y-YEAH...I GUESS.
HFF!
HFF!
BUT... WHO ARE YOU?

I DON'T KNOW WHO I AM... WHERE I CAME FROM...I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING!
?!
I...I DON'T KNOW.
...
SO...THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SO DUMB!
You're one to talk...
≠SOB≠
MY NAME IS MEI!

I'M A MAIL DELIVERY GIRL!
I'M STILL A ROOKIE, BUT...
MAIL... DELIVERY...?
YUP!
OH, YEAH! SPEAKIN' OF WHICH! I GOT A DELIVERY TO MAKE!
...
BUT...
...I HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO...
...AND I'M HOPELESSLY LOST.
HOW DO I GET OUTTA HERE?!
Gotta hurry...
...

?!
DON'T MOVE!
?!

KRRRR
OH, THIS IS JUST GREAT!
THAT PUPPY'S MOTHER! SHE'S FOAMING AT THE MOUTH BECAUSE YOU KILLED HER BABY!
SHE'S GONNA TEAR US TO SHREDS!

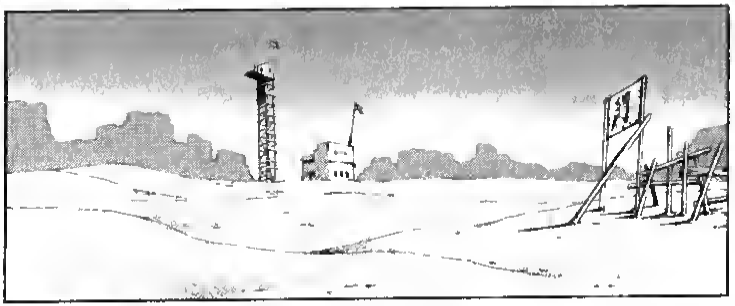
I'LL STOP HER SOMEHOW. YOU GET OUT OF HERE!
MY ..MY BRAIN SAYS MOVE...
...B-BUT MY FEET WON'T LISTEN!
...
THEN TELL YOUR BRAIN TO KEEP YOURSELF STILL!
HERE GOES NOTHING...
MOMMY!

sSNIFFs
sSNIFFs

UWAAAHH!!
...

YOU'RE SUCH A CRYBABY!
NO, I'M NOT!
CAN YOU MOVE NOW?
N-NOT YET...
ssobs
...
WANT A PIGGY-BACK?
...
OKA

...
HMM... THAT'S NOT THE GREATEST MEMORY. NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...



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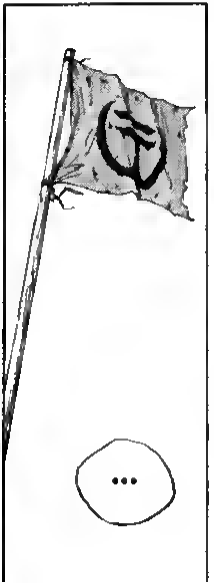

BANYA, HOW ABOUT NOW?
PATIENCE, GRASSHOPPER!
NOW PAY ATTENTION!
HOW ABOUT NOW?!
BEFORE YOU PUT IN THE MAIN INGREDIENTS, YOU HAVE TO BOIL THE BROTH FOR A LOOONG TIME ONLY THEN--
?!
WHAT'RE YOU TWO DOING?
ARE YOU COOKING?
HUH? IT'S MEI!
HEY, WHAT'S UP?
BANYA CAUGHT A RABBIT-FOX TODAY! IT'S STEW TIME!
HEE!

WHAT?
RABBIT-FOX?

EE-YUP!
SHWING! THIS LITTLE FART HAD A HURT LEG, SO I JUST SNATCHED HIS ASS UP!
RABBIT-FOX STEW-- COMING RIGHT UP!

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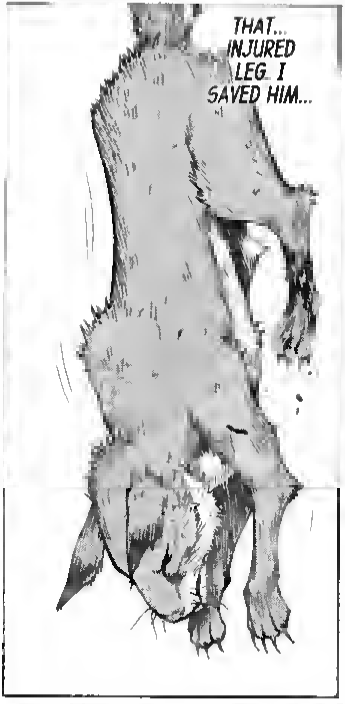
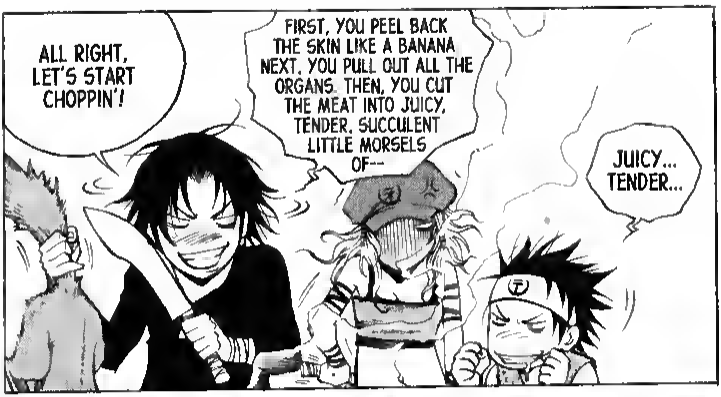

THAT... INJURED LEG. I SAVED HIM...


ALL RIGHT, LET'S START CHOPPIN'!
FIRST, YOU PEEL BACK THE SKIN LIKE A BANANA NEXT, YOU PULL OUT ALL THE ORGANS. THEN, YOU CUT THE MEAT INTO JUICY, TENDER, SUCCULENT LITTLE MORSELS OF--
JUICY... TENDER...

YOU...
YOU...
FWPP

ANIMALS!

YOU'RE NOTHING BUT SAVAGES!
EEYAAH! WHAT THE-- HEOWW!!
LET'S SEE HOW YOU LIKE BEING CHOPPED UP!
NOT THE FACE! NOT THE FACE!

B-BANYA?
...
SHE SHOULDN'T HAVE HIT YOU LIKE THAT!
YOU...YOU OKAY?
...
MAN...!
YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHIN'! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU TOOK THAT BEATING.
I woulda been long gone!

PSH!
SHE WASSH A CRYBABY ONCESH...
MEI?! GET OUTTA HERE!
HEY! YOU KNUCKLEHEADS STILL UP? YOU HAVE DELIVERIES TOMORROW, SO GET TO SLEEP!
EEK!
YESH, MA'AM!

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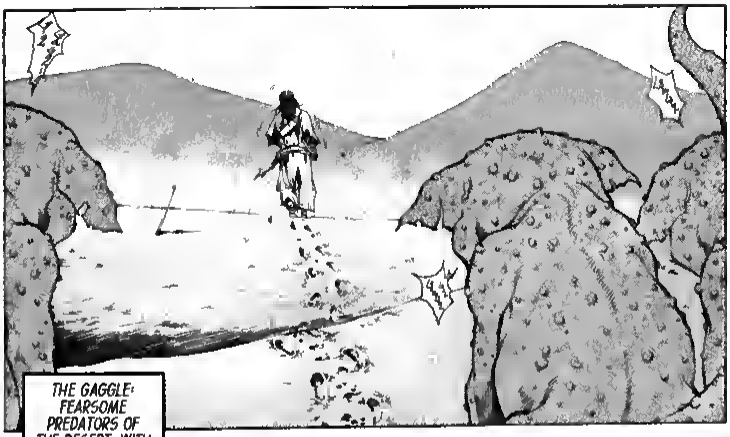
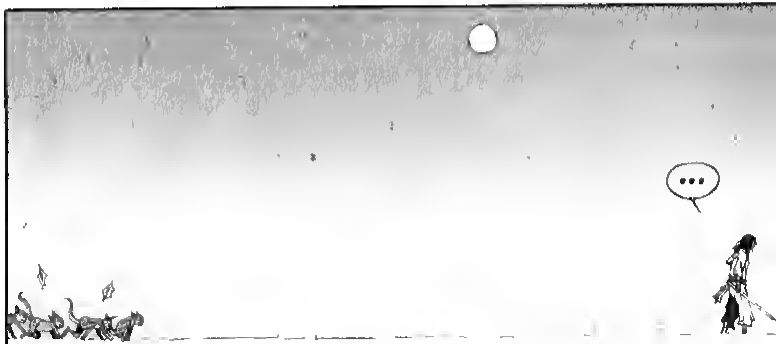
THE MESSENGER



THE GAGGLE: FEARSOME PREDATORS OF THE DESERT. WITH INFINITE PATIENCE, THEY TRAIL THEIR PREY UNTIL IT FALLS FROM EXHAUSTION. THEN THEY CLOSE IN AND FEED



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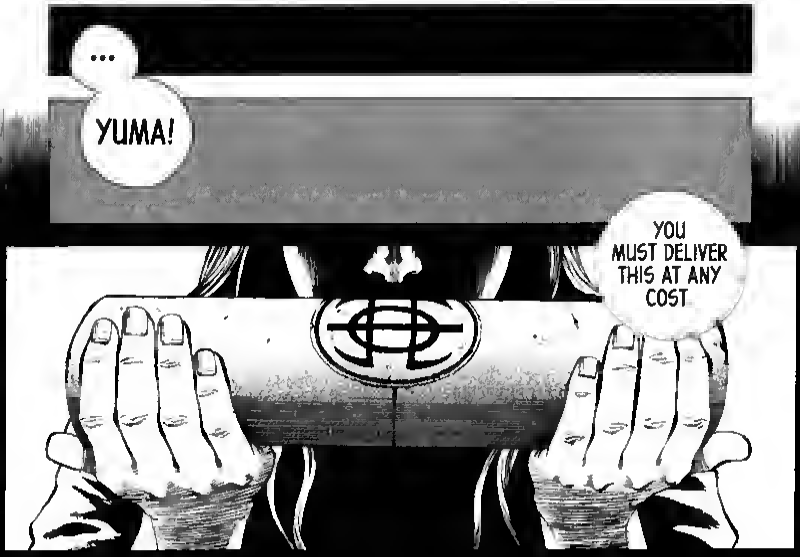
NO...
I CAN'T DIE HERE...

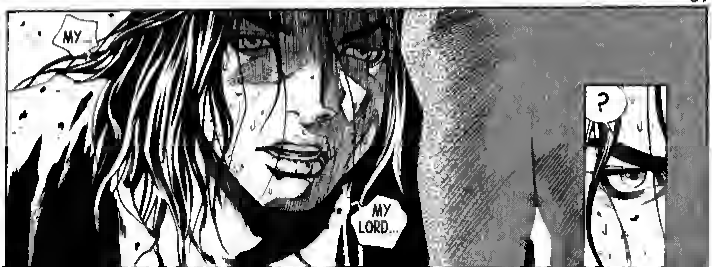
NOT YET...

MUST COMPLETE...
...MY MISSION!


...
YUMA!
YOU MUST DELIVER THIS AT ANY COST

YES, MY LORD.
I WILL COMPLETE THIS MISSION, EVEN IF IT COSTS ME MY LIFE!
YUMA...

GAYA'S FUTURE DEPENDS ON YOU.


MY...
MY LORD...
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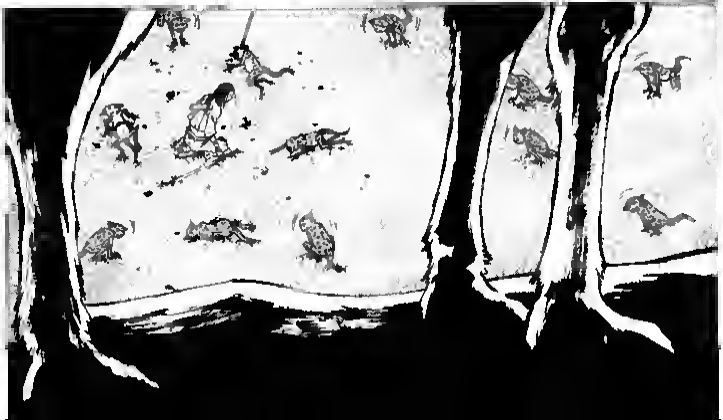
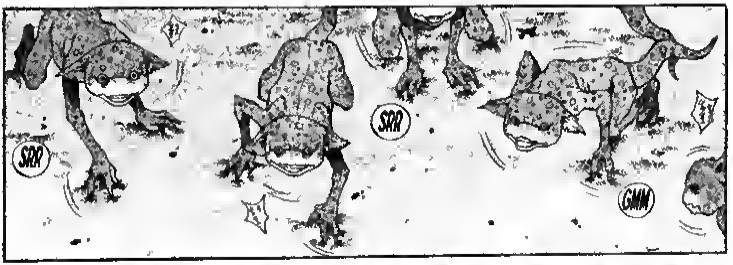


WHAT'RE YOU FREAKS GAWKIN' AT?
SCRAM, YOU LITTLE BASTARDS!
YOU WANNA BE CUT INTO FILLETS?!
SHISH KEBAB SOUNDS BETTER!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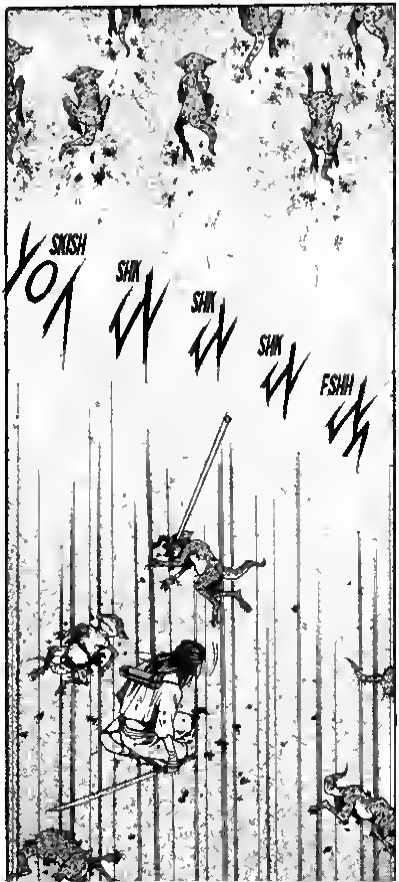
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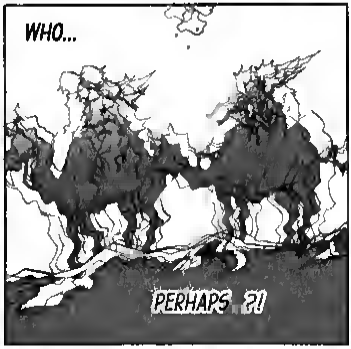

WHO...
PERHAPS ?!

AAGH!
HUH?

HE'S OUT.
WONDER WHO HE IS...
HM...
SOMEHOW I DOUBT HE WAS SIGHT-SEEING...
.....
IF HE'S NOT DEAD, HE LOOKS PRETTY MESSED UP.
SO WHAT NOW?
FIRST OF ALL, LET'S MAKE SURE HE'S STILL ALIVE.
.....

?!
WHO...WHAT DO YOU WANT?!

HAND IT OVER!
IF YOU WANT TO LIVE.

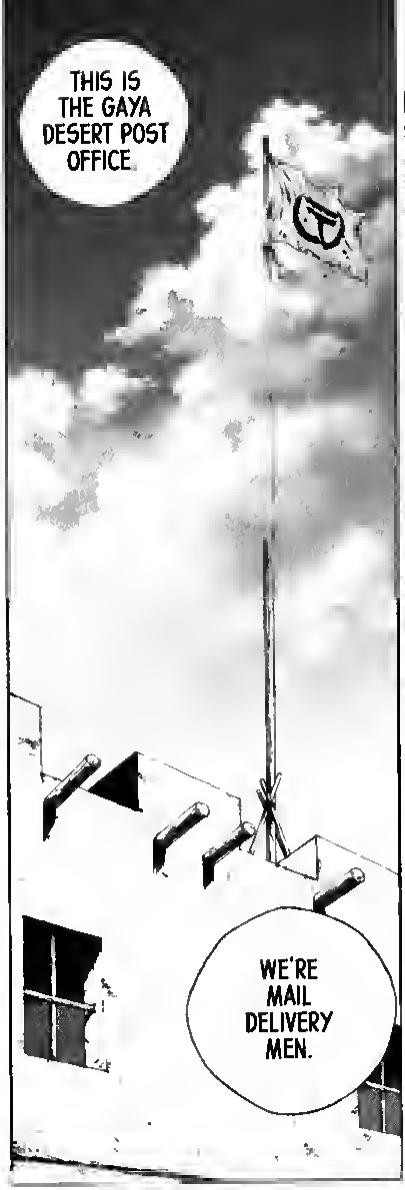
OUT OF MY WAY!!

.....
78
HE'S AWAKE!
?!

FWSHFF
?
?!
IT'S OVER HERE, QUICKDRAW.
!!
NNGH!
TSK
RELAX YOU'LL JUST HURT YOURSELF SOME MORE
.....
YOU WANT YOUR SWORD?

KKHHK...
WH-WHO ARE YOU CLOWNS?

CLOWNS ...?!
WE SAVE YOUR LIFE, AND YOU'RE TALKIN' TRASH?
AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU LOOKED LIKE SOME KINDA GENTLEMAN...
MAYBE WE SHOULDA JUST LEFT HIM TO THE GAGGLES...
YEAH...
WHO DOES THIS GUY THINK HE IS?
YOU PUNKS!
WHERE ARE YOUR MANNERS?!
.....
IGNORE THOSE... CLOWNS.
....?
OW!
OW!
DON'T WORRY, YOU'RE SAFE WITH US.


THIS IS THE GAYA DESERT POST OFFICE.
WE'RE MAIL DELIVERY MEN.

MAIL...
...DELIVERY MEN?

YES, SIR!
FAST, PRECISE, AND SECURE DELIVERY FOR ALL YOUR MAILING NEEDS!
USE US TODAY!

YOU SHAMELESS IDIOTS! CAN'T YOU SEE HE'S HURT?! GROW SOME MANNERS!
OW!
KRAK
OW!
KRAK
KRAK
OW!

HO HO HO-- PLEASE IGNORE THE MORON TWINS...
.....
NO, I...I APOLOGIZE.
IT'S JUST...
I WAS BEING FOLLOWED, SO I'VE BEEN ON EDGE...
YOU WERE BEING FOLLOWED?
MAYBE..
...BECAUSE OF THIS?
!!
.....
YES. BECAUSE OF ..THAT.
THEY'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET THEIR HANDS ON IT.

HEY...
THAT LOGO ON THE PACKAGE... YOU'RE FROM THE CAPITAL OF GAYA.
AND NOW YOU'RE ALL THE WAY OUT HERE...WHAT'S THE STORY WITH THAT LETTER?
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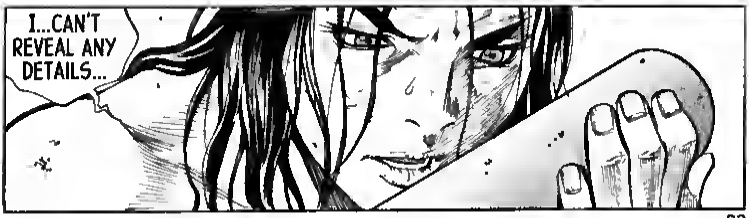

I...CAN'T REVEAL ANY DETAILS...

...BUT... I...
...I MUST DELIVER THIS IMMEDIATELY!

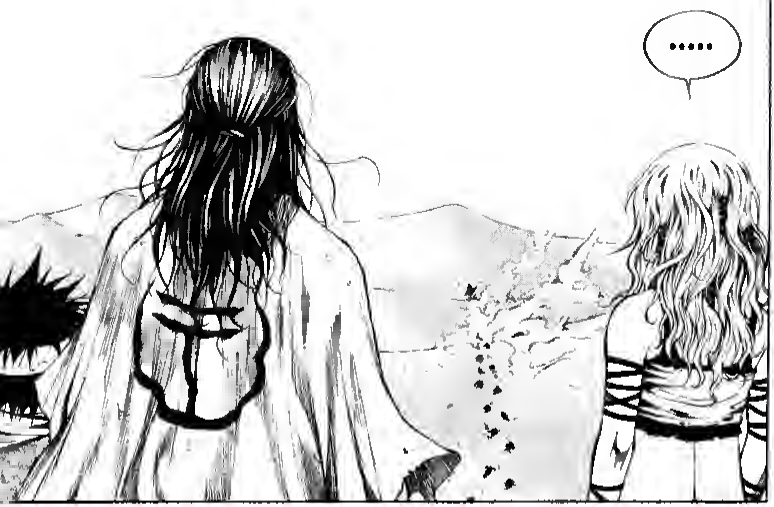
GAYA'S FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT!
NNGH...
AND HERE I AM...
...HERE I AM, STRANDED IN THIS BED! DAMMIT!
MM-HM
YES, YES
DELIVERY MEN OF THE GAYA DESERT...
...I BEG YOU, COMPLETE MY MISSION FOR ME!

YOUR REPUTATION IS FAR REACHING. WE AT THE CAPITAL ARE FULLY AWARE OF YOUR IMPECCABLE SERVICE RECORD.
NO MATTER WHAT THE JOB, YOU NEVER FAIL TO DELIVER.

WILL YOU...
...WILL YOU ACCEPT THIS DELIVERY?
FWSH
100 BATT FOR STANDARD.
180 BATT FOR PRIORITY.
250 BATT FOR EXPRESS.
PLUS ADDITIDNAL CHARGES DEPENDING DN DISTANCE, RDAD CDNDITIONS, AND WEIGHT.

COME STRAIGHT BACK! DON'T GO FARTING AROUND, OKAY?
YOU MUST NOT FAIL...
LATER, 'GATOR!

NO WORRIES, CHIEF!
Fast precise, secure. Your letter's as good as there
BE BACK IN A FLASH!
HIYAAAH!
GOOD LUCK!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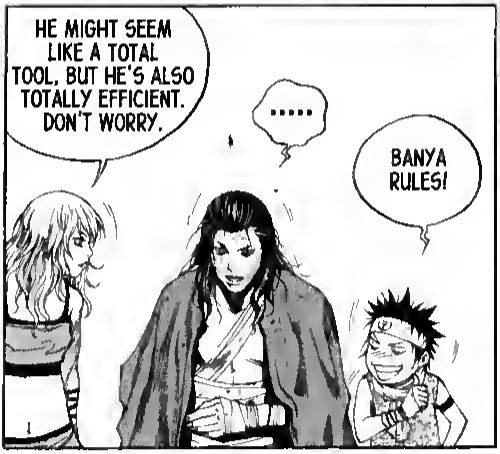
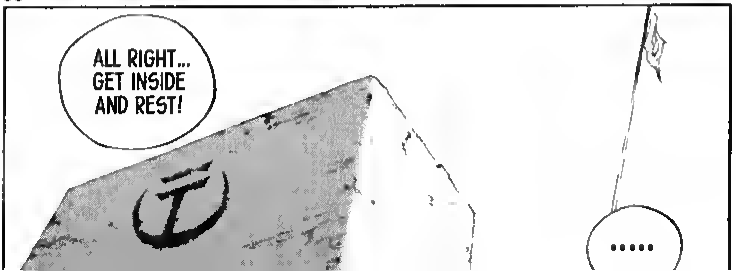
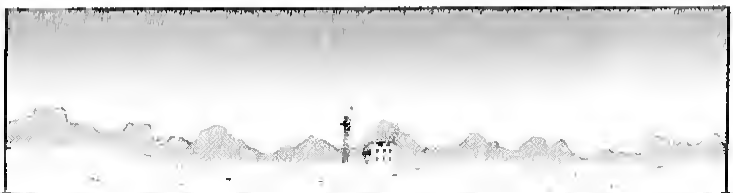

HE MIGHT SEEM LIKE A TOTAL TOOL, BUT HE'S ALSO TOTALLY EFFICIENT. DON'T WORRY.
.....
BANYA RULES!

MY LORD


ALL RIGHT... GET INSIDE AND REST!
.....

IT'S HIM!
...
CLOSE... HE'S SOMEWHERE CLOSE!

FIND HIM!



Banya
the explosive delivery man

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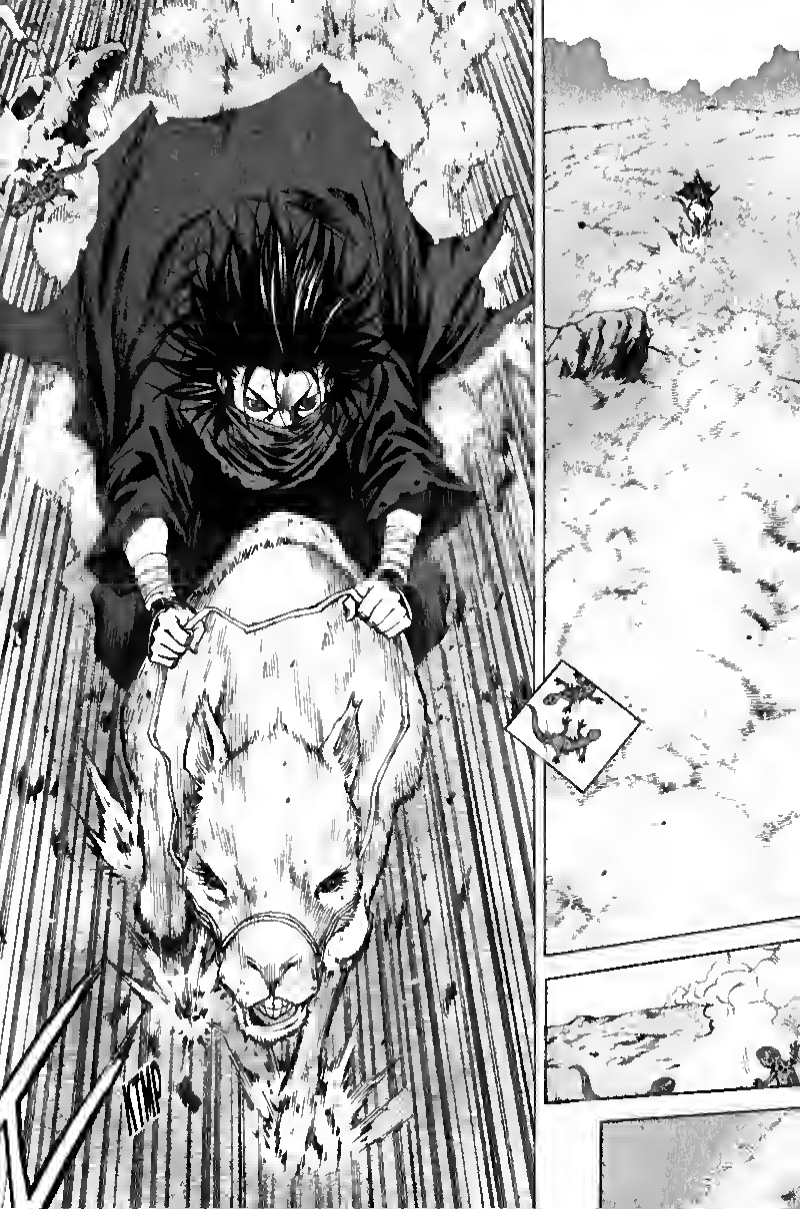
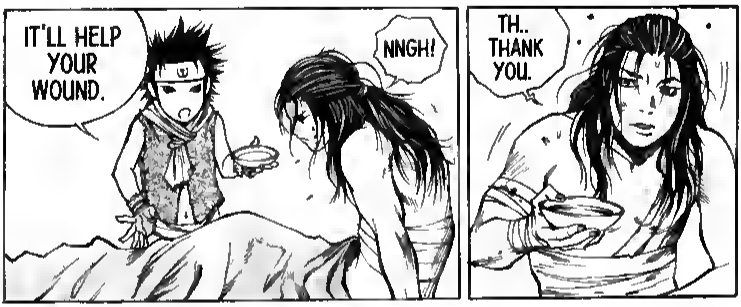

KTHP

DRINK THIS.


IT'LL HELP YOUR WOUND.
NNGH!
TH.. THANK YOU.

.....

IS...
...IS THAT ME?
SO THIS IS THE FACE OF FAILURE...
C'MON, YOU TRIED YOUR BEST!
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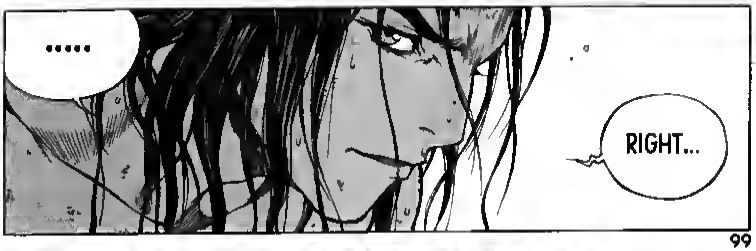
BESIDES BANYA WILL DELIVER IT NO MATTER WHAT!
HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO FAIL!
It's not just a job, it's a lifestyle!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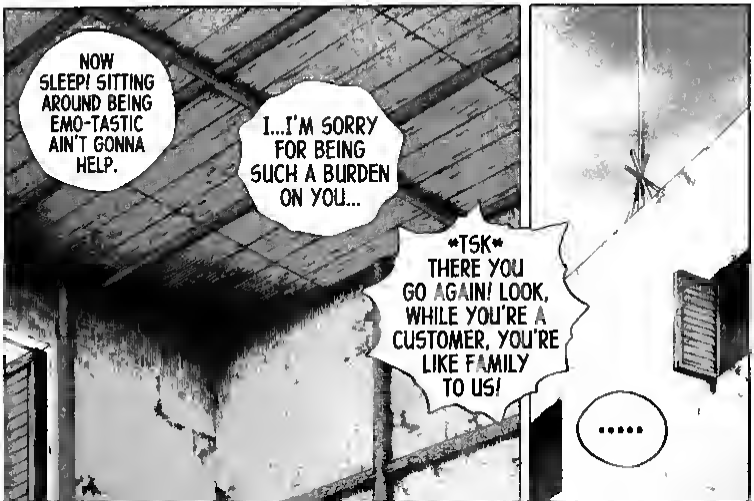
RIGHT...


NOW SLEEP! SITTING AROUND BEING EMO-TASTIC AIN'T GONNA HELP.
I...I'M SORRY FOR BEING SUCH A BURDEN ON YOU...
TSK THERE YOU GO AGAIN! LOOK, WHILE YOU'RE A CUSTOMER, YOU'RE LIKE FAMILY TO US!
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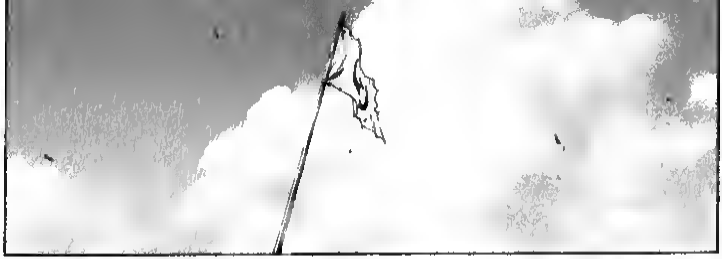

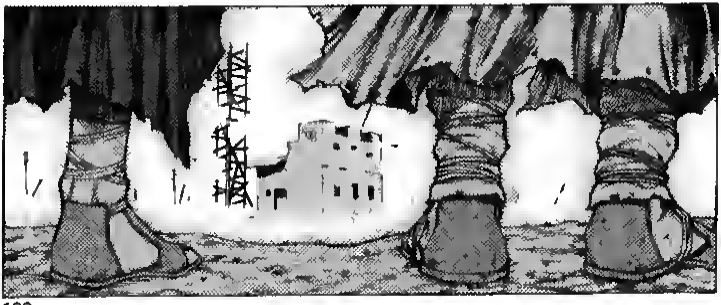

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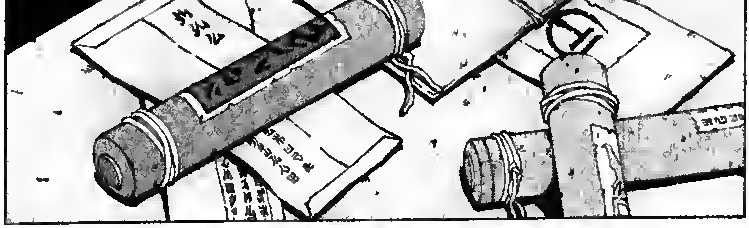
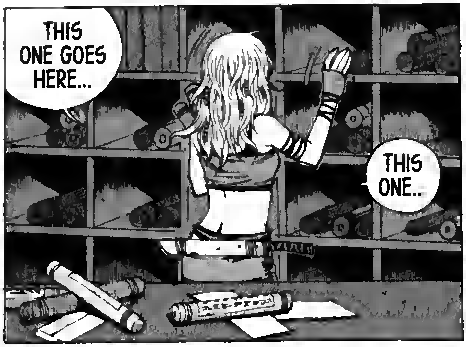
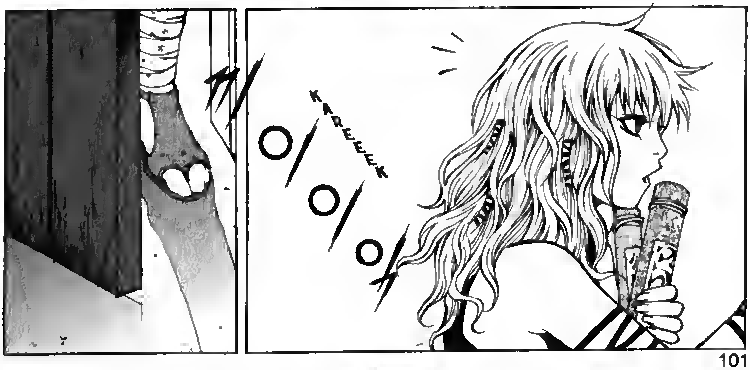



THIS ONE GOES HERE...
THIS ONE...

...TO GURON...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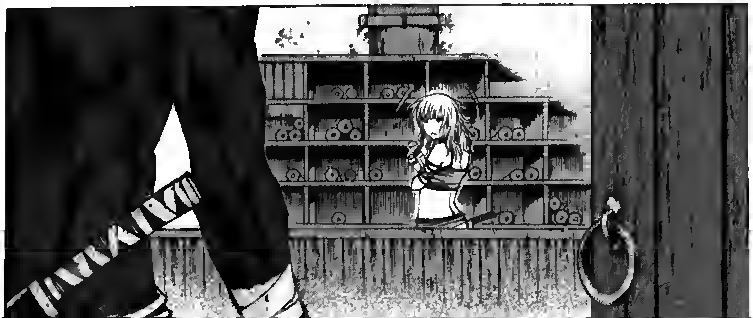

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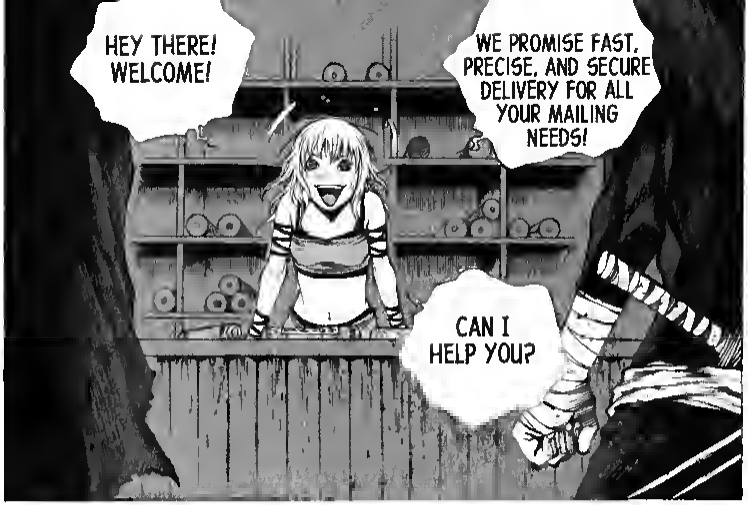
IT'S JUST...
I WAS BEING FOLLOWED, SO I'VE BEEN ON EDGE...


HEY THERE! WELCOME!
WE PROMISE FAST, PRECISE, AND SECURE DELIVERY FOR ALL YOUR MAILING NEEDS!
CAN I HELP YOU?

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I'M LOOKING FOR AN INJURED MAN.
HAVE YOU SEEN HIM?

AAAH...AN INJURED MAN?
YOU DO REALIZE THIS IS A POST OFFICE AND NOT A HOSPITAL, RIGHT?

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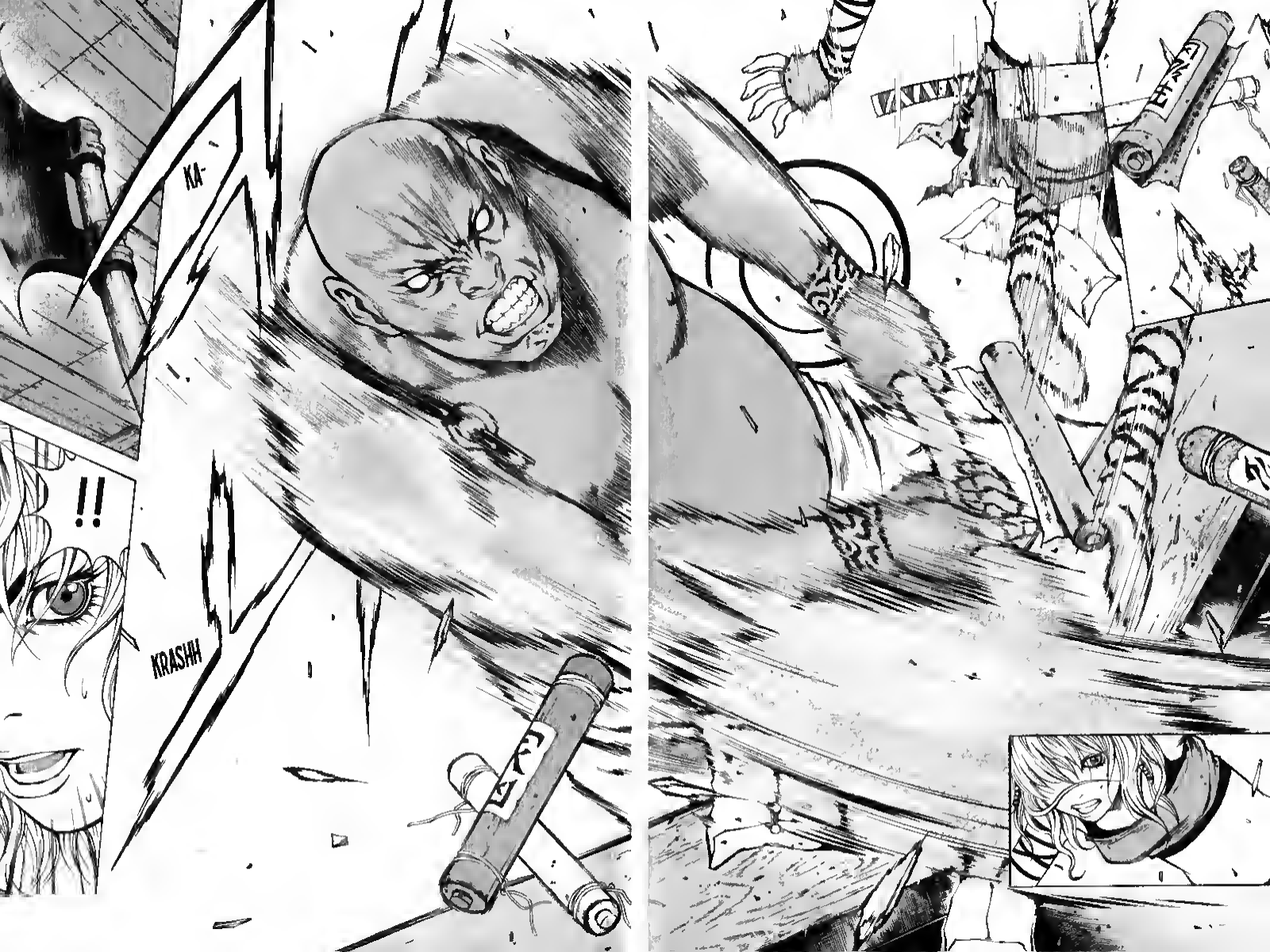
HIM

WHERE...
..IS HE?

WH-WHERE'S WHO...?
DO YOU SEE ANYONE ELSE HERE?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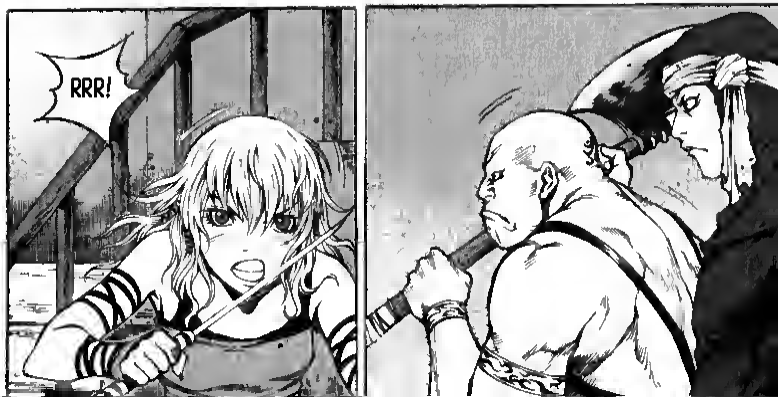
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!

UPSTAIRS!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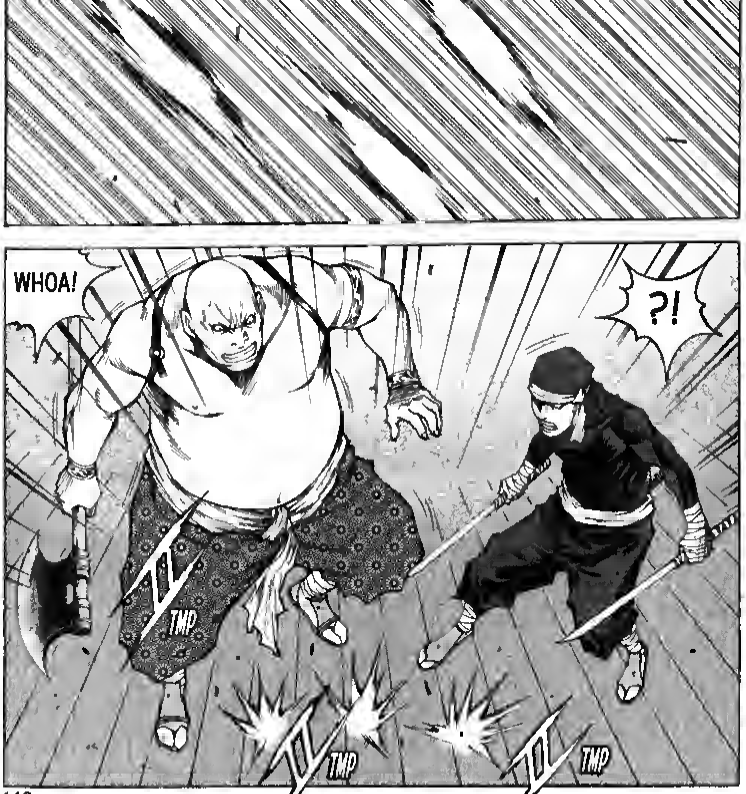
WHOA!
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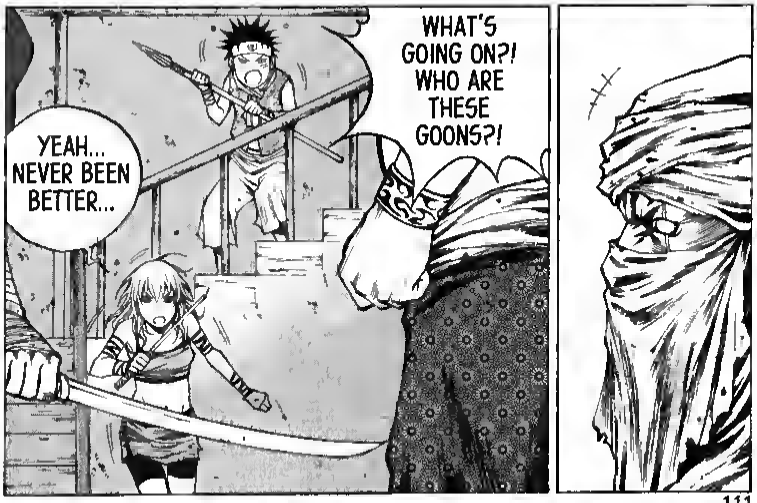
TMP
TMP
TMP

?!

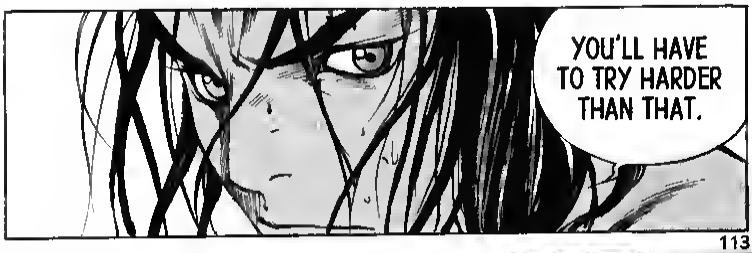
MEI! YOU OKAY?


WHAT'S GOING ON?! WHO ARE THESE GOONS?!
YEAH... NEVER BEEN BETTER...

THESE...
TMMP
...ARE THE ONES THAT WERE FOLLOWING ME.

.....
M-MISTER!
STILL THINK I'M NOT CAUSING YOU ANY TROUBLE?

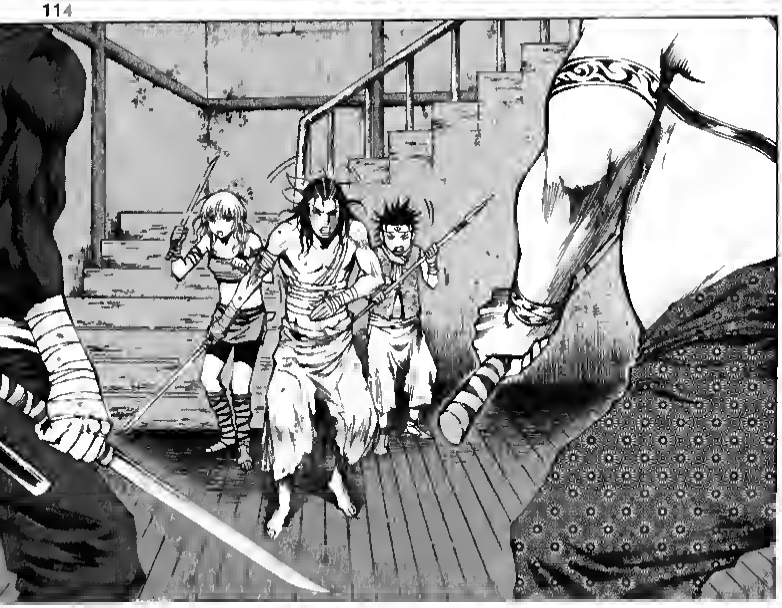
YOU'RE ONE TOUGH SON OF A BITCH.
WHERE IS IT?


YOU'LL HAVE TO TRY HARDER THAN THAT.

FOOL!
YOU'RE GOING TO DIE EITHER WAY. JUST HAND IT OVER.

HM...IF IT'S OKAY, I'D PREFER TO TAKE IT TO MY GRAVE.

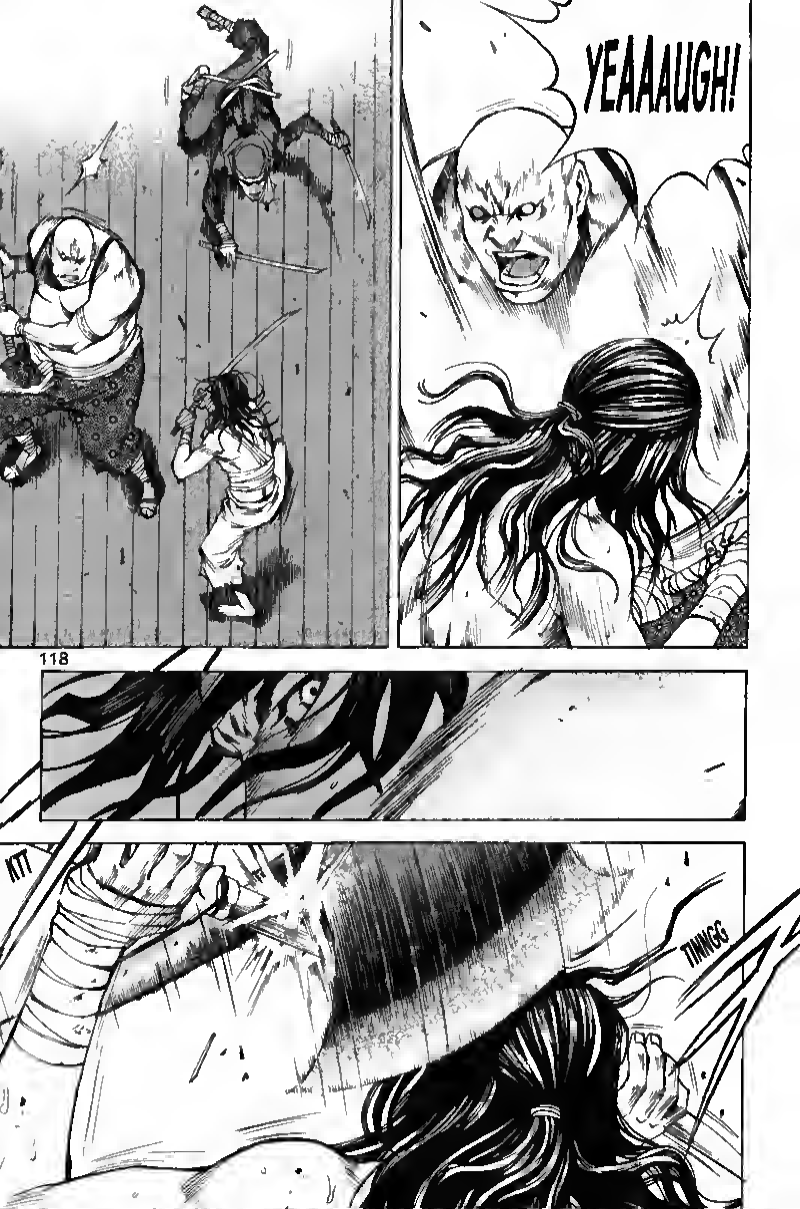
THREE IDIOTS...



TO THE GRAVE IT IS, THEN...
HIIYAAAAH!

FWOO
OOO
OOOSHH
?!
HAAIII--

GRAAH!
KTTING
NNGH!
FUMPP


YEAAAUGH!
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HHRKK!
TICH
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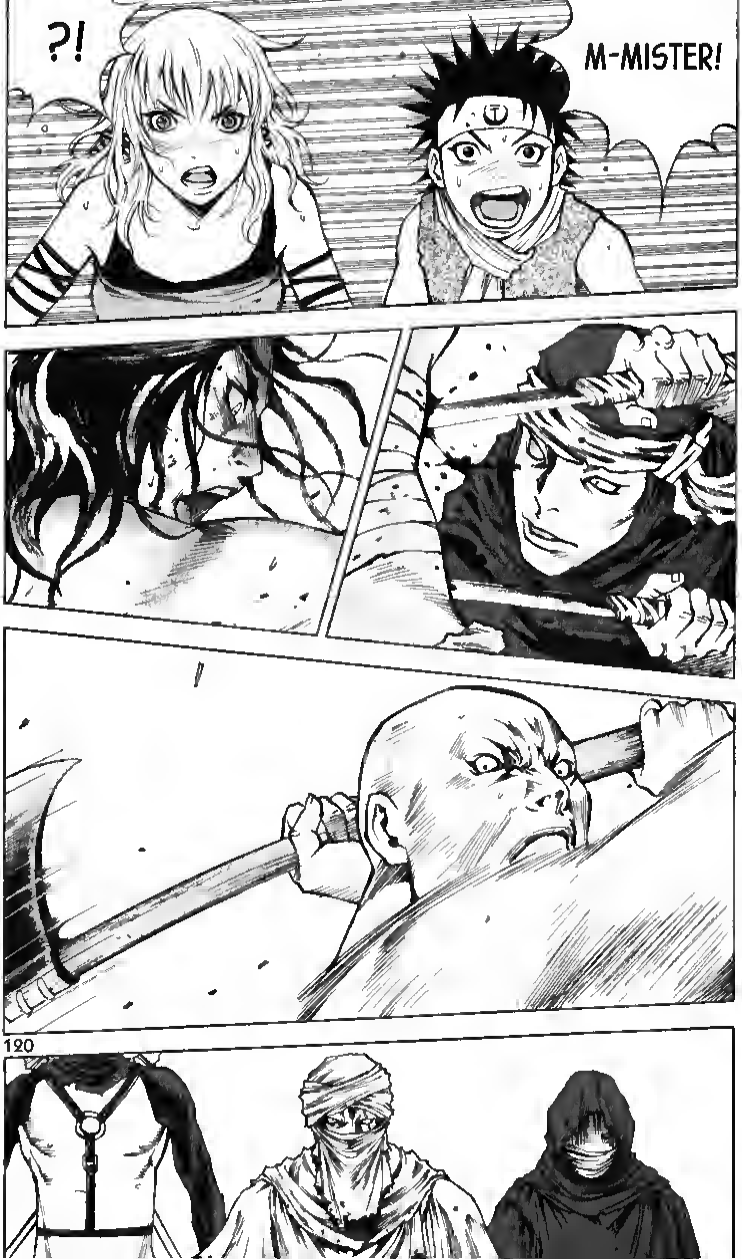
FTCCH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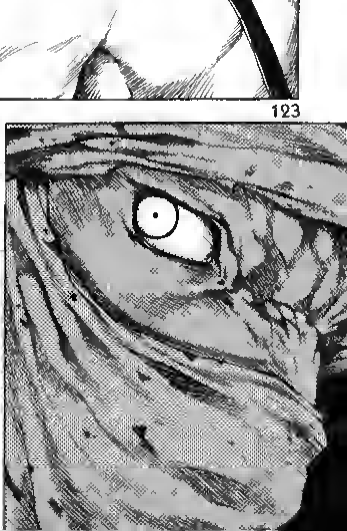
M-MISTER!

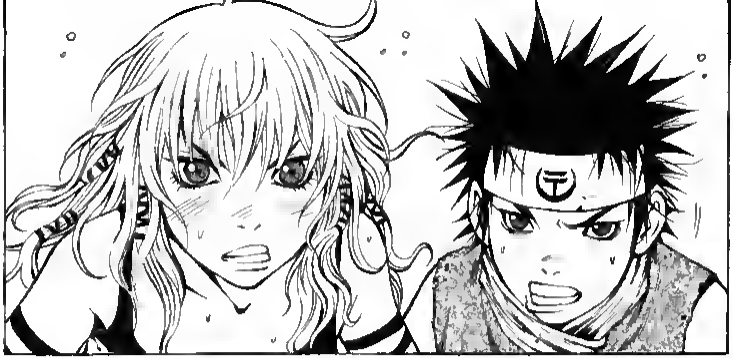
AW CRAP...
UH...DIDN'T MEAN TO *KILL* HIM...

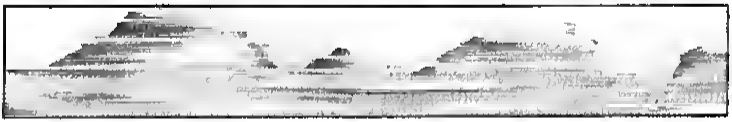
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
IT ISN'T HERE.

IT'S WITH A DELIVERY MAN...BUT HE COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR.
AFTER HIM!

WHAT ABOUT THESE TWERPS?







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SEPARATION
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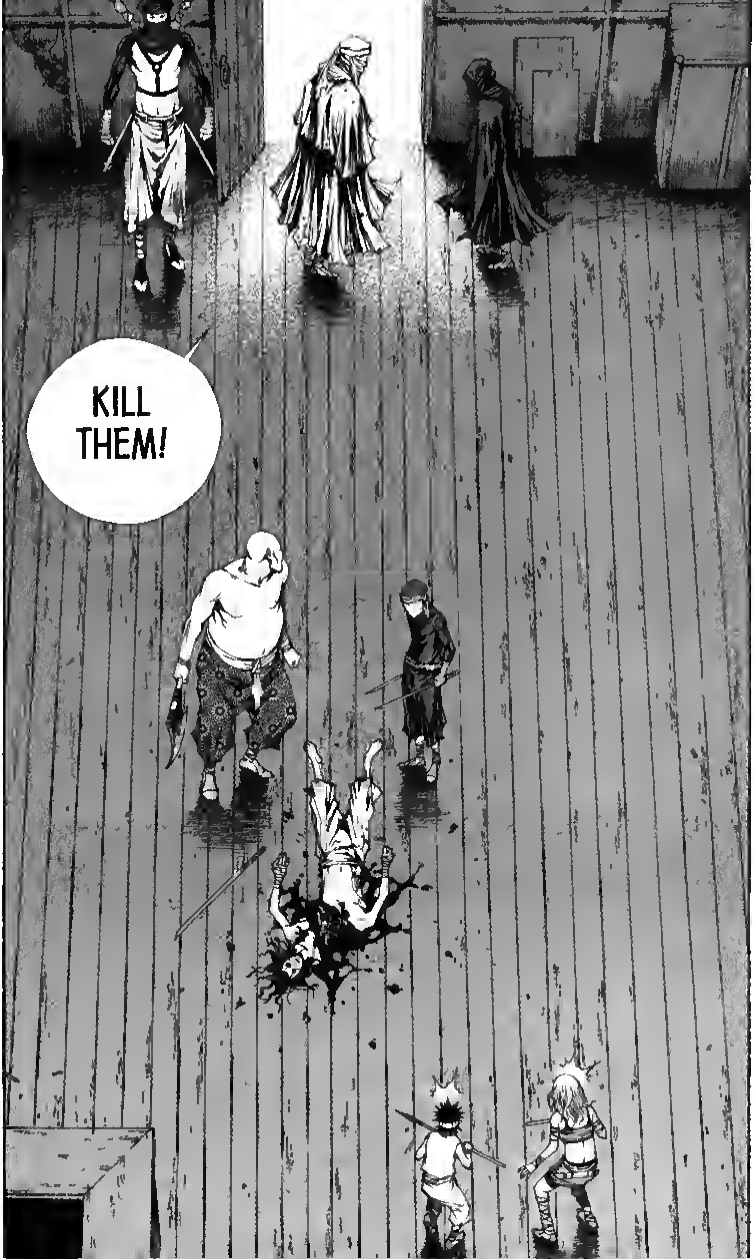
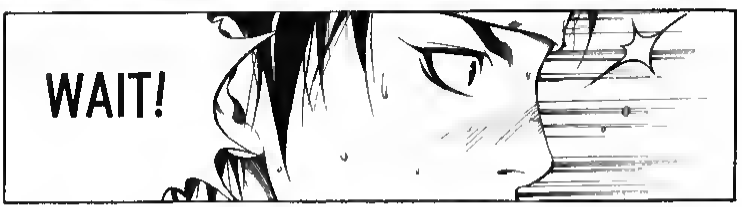

KILL THEM!

RRRR...
DAMN!


WAIT!

WAIT A SECOND!
WE'RE JUST DELIVERY MEN!
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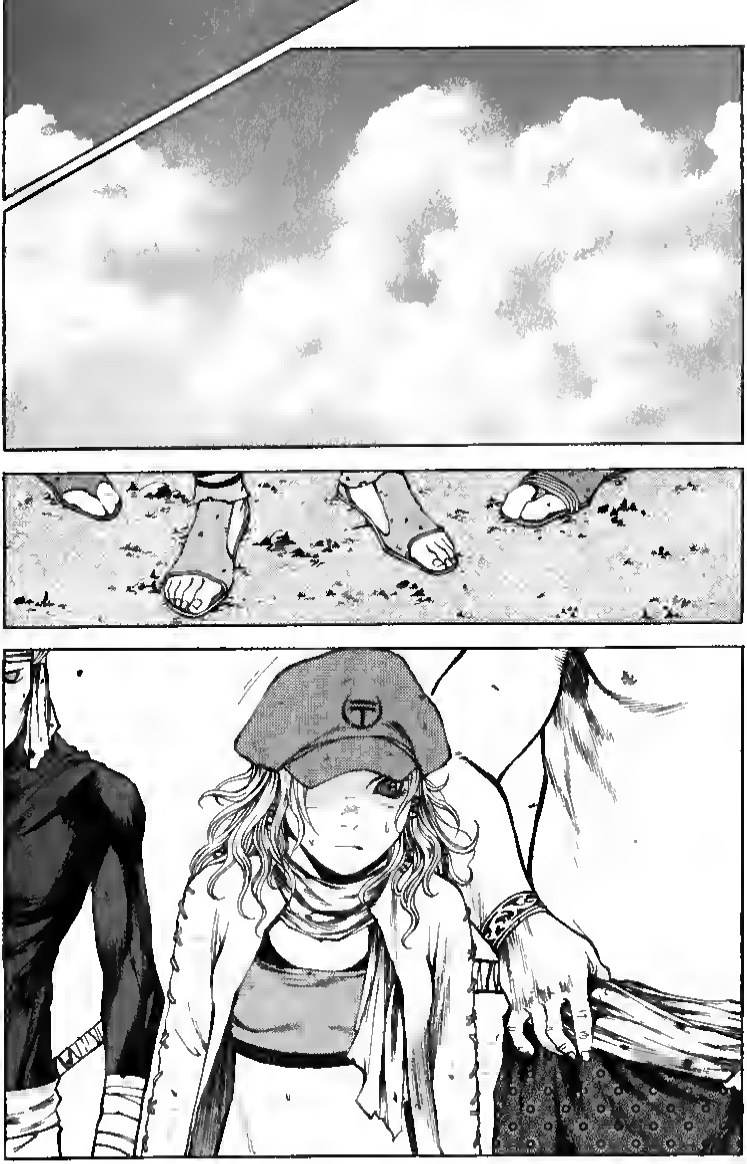
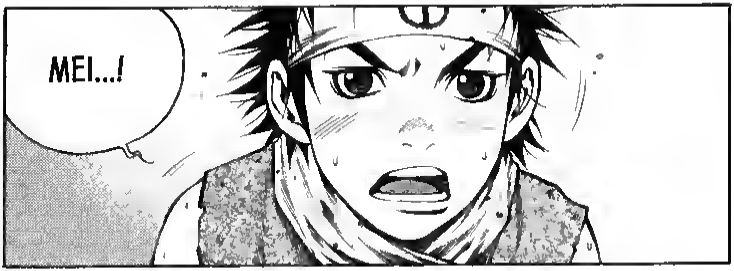
...?

WE'RE ONLY DOING OUR JOBS! WHATEVER THIS PACKAGE IS--
.....
--WE DON'T HAVE ANY INTEREST IN YOUR AFFAIRS!

YOUR POINT?
I-I'LL SHOW YOU THE WAY!
AS ONLY A DELIVERY MAN CAN.



MEI...
KONG, I'M FINE!
LET'S GO!


MEI...!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. JUST WAIT HERE, OKAY?

WHAT SHOULD I DO?
MEI WILL PROBABLY LEAD 'EM AWAY FROM BANYA. SHE'S TRYING TO BUY TIME.
...AND SHE'S TRYING TO SAVE ME BY KEEPING ME OUT OF THIS!
KRRK
BUT I GOTTA DO SOMETHING, TOO!
I CAN'T JUST SIT AROUND ON MY BUTT!

I'VE GOT TO WARN BANYA! TELL HIM WHAT'S HAPPENED.
SHFF
MISTER... I'M SO SORRY...
I'LL BURY YOU IN A SUNNY SPOT WHEN I GET BACK, I PROMISE...

GOOD LUCK, MEI!
BANYA, I'M COMING--!

!!
QUAY!
SIR!
.....
.....

TMP
TMP
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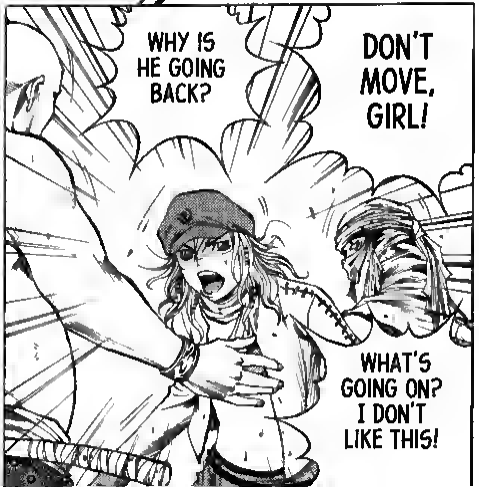
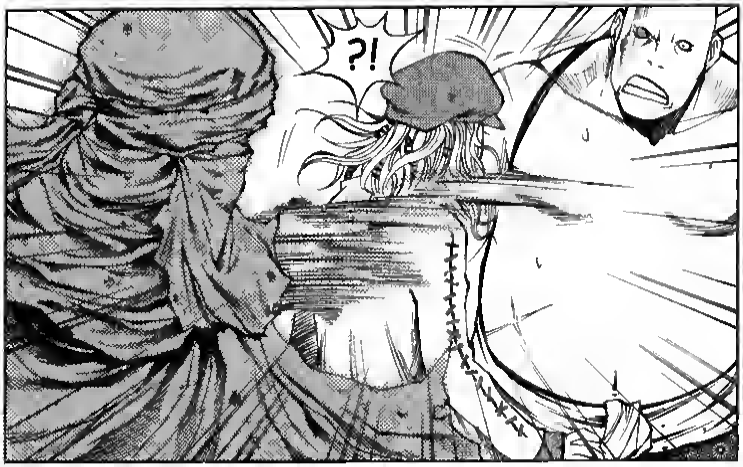
TMP

H-HEY!


WHY IS HE GOING BACK?
DON'T MOVE, GIRL!
WHAT'S GOING ON? I DON'T LIKE THIS!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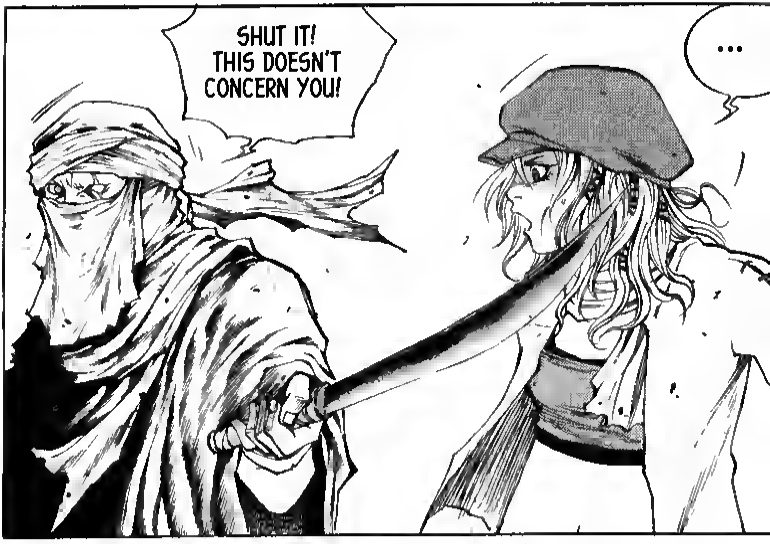
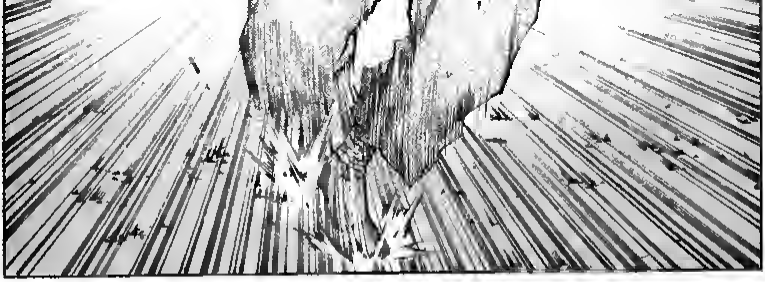
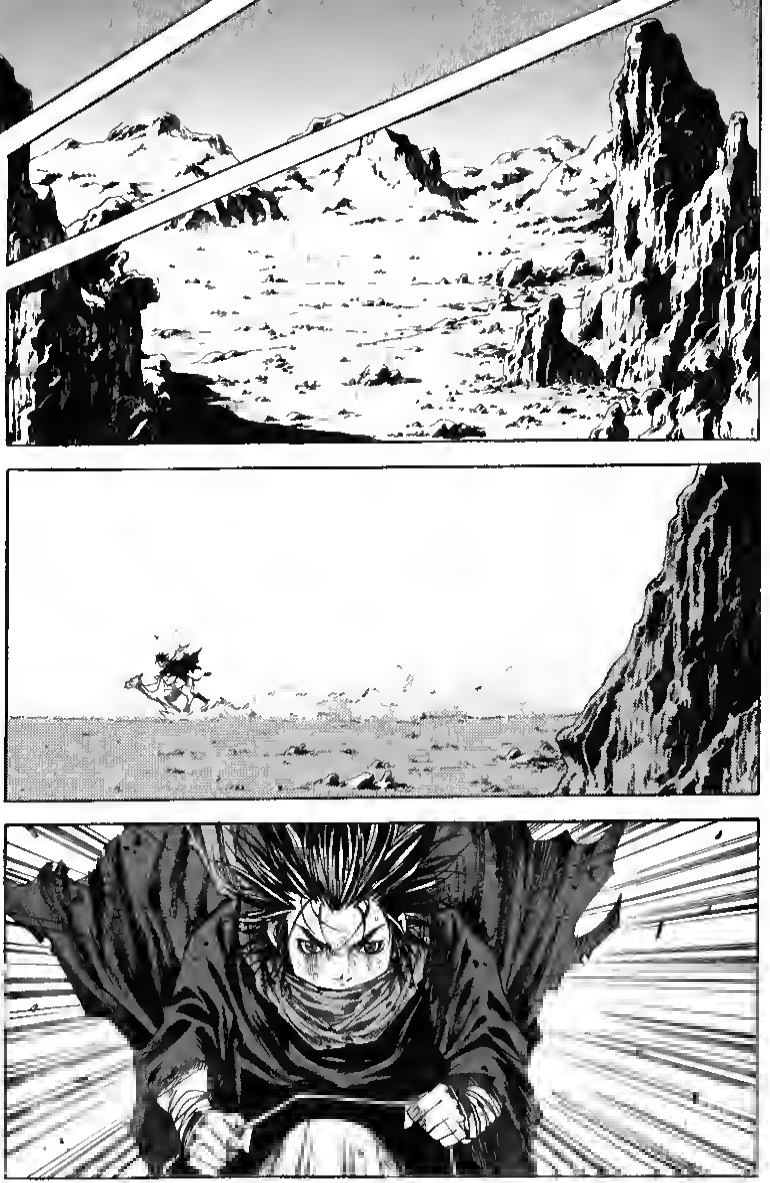

SHUT IT! THIS DOESN'T CONCERN YOU!
...

STOP WASTING TIME!

KONG...





?!
WOOO
FASHH
KSHHH

SCREEEE!!!

NOOO!! WHAT THE HELL IS--
SHSHH
!!
SHAAA

KNCH
KNCH
KNCH
THE GWICHI: A MONSTER WORM ARMED WITH ROWS OF RAZOR-SHARP TEETH. ERUPTING FROM THE SAND, IT NEVER FAILS TO SURPRISE ITS PREY!
OH, LOVELY!

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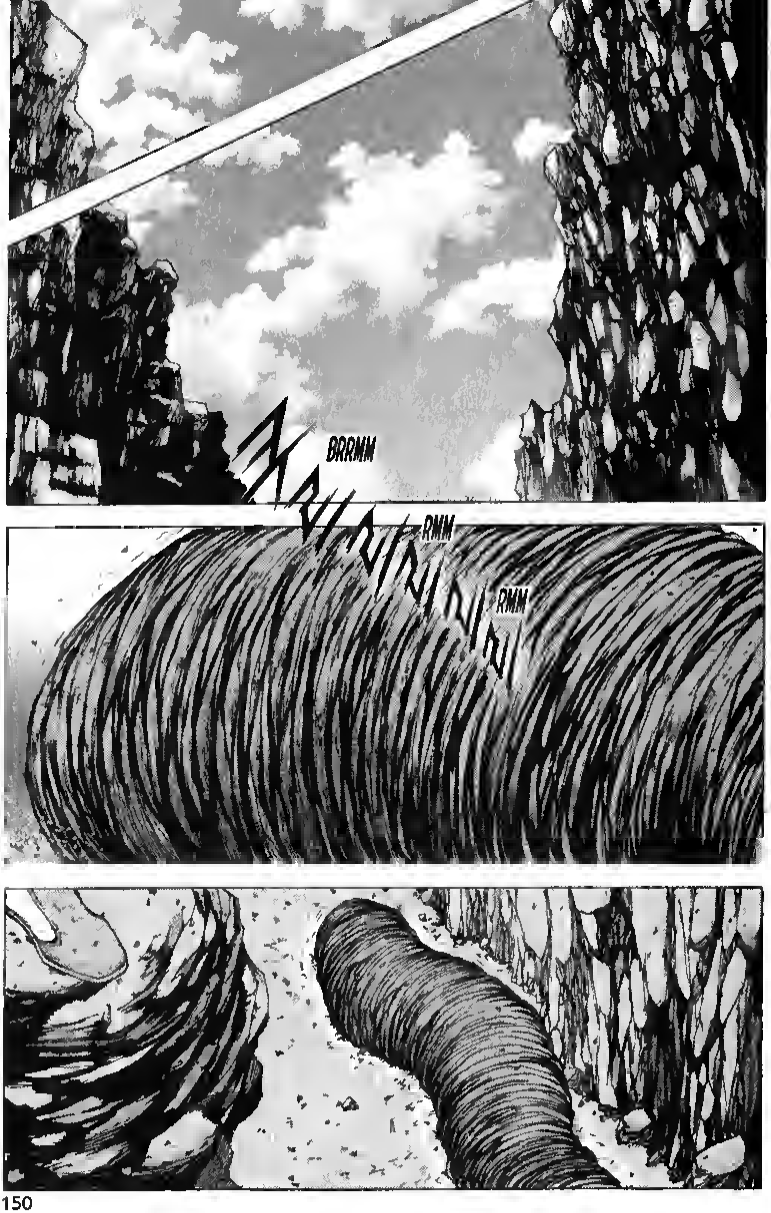
Chapter 6
GORIGON WOODS


BRRMM
RMM
RMM

HFF!
HFF!
HFF!
...!
WHAT THE HELL IS A SCARLET DESERT GWICHI DOING HERE?!
DAMN IT! THIS IS SERIOUSLY GONNA DELAY THE DELIVERY!
151
WAIT!
THE PACKAGE --?!
FWSH!
PHEW! LUCKY!

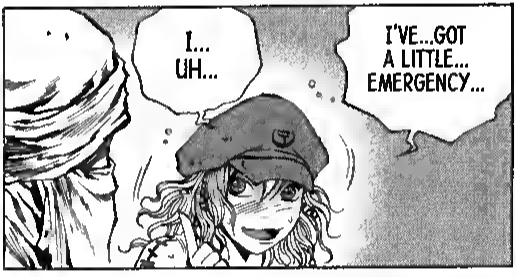
STILL, I'M REALLY IN IT THIS TIME...
NOT ONLY AM I GONNA BE LATE...
..MEI'S GONNA BEAT ME SENSELESS WHEN SHE HEARS ABOUT THE CAMEL!
.....
BAH! FOCUS! FIRST— FINISH THE DELIVERY!

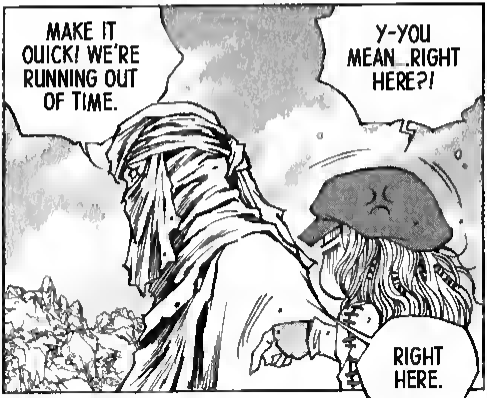
YOU'RE SURE THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY?
!!

CAN'T YOU SEE THE FOOTSTEPS? WE'RE RIGHT BEHIND HIM, DON'T WORRY!
...

ONWARO!
W-WAIT!

WHAT?


I...
UH...
I'VE...GOT A LITTLE... EMERGENCY...


MAKE IT QUICK! WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME.
Y-YOU MEAN...RIGHT HERE?!
RIGHT HERE.

LOOK, YOU! I'M A LADY! I CAN'T JUST DROP TROU ANYWHERE!
OR ARE YOU JUST A PERVERT?!

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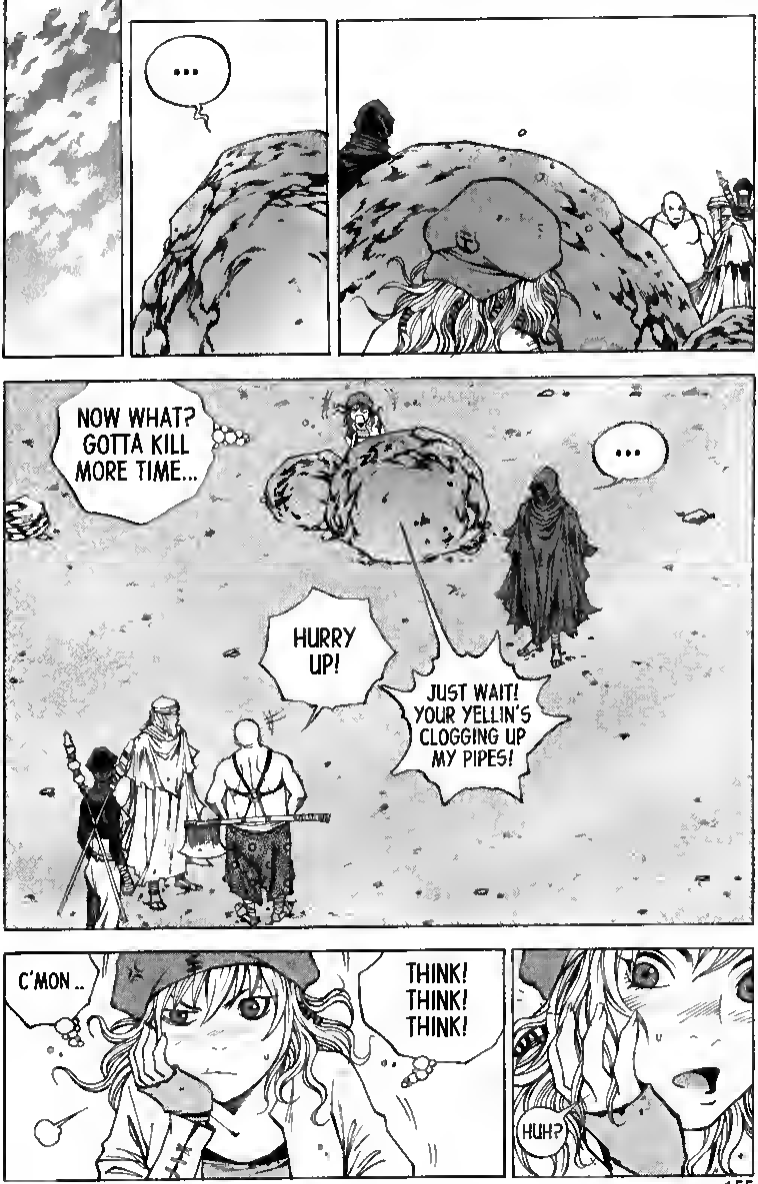
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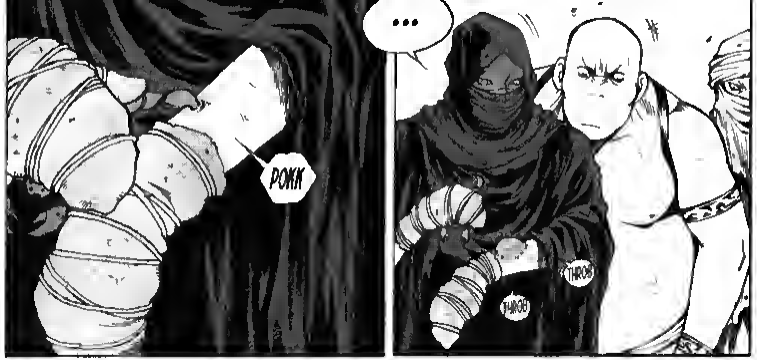
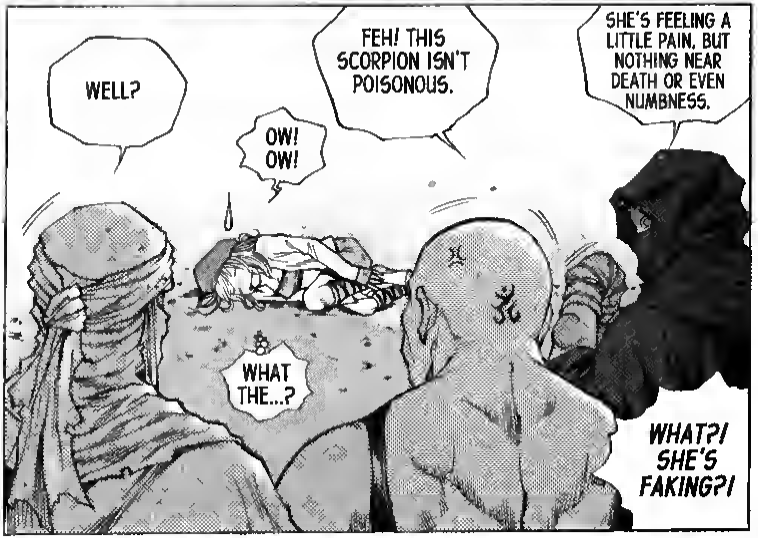
...
NOW WHAT? GOTTA KILL MORE TIME...
HURRY UP!
JUST WAIT! YOUR YELLIN'S CLOGGING UP MY PIPES!
C'MON..
THINK! THINK! THINK!
HUH?

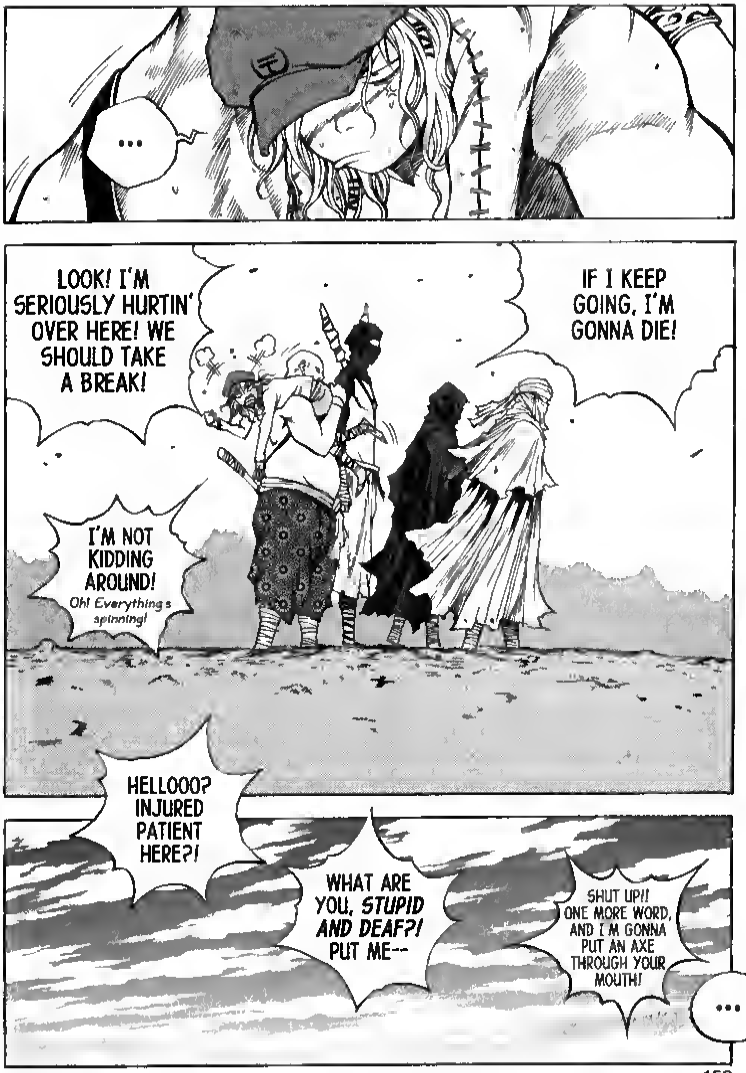
THAT'S IT!
THE BLUEBACK SCORPION: FOUND ONLY IN THE GAYA DESERT
YAIEEE!!
WHAT? WHAT HAPPENED?
UUUGH...
OWW!
THWOK
THWOK

I'M P-POISONED...! I'M DONE FOR...!
OHH.. SCORPION...
?!
.....
AWW, CRAP! NOW WHO'S GONNA GUIDE US?!
KTCH
I...
...I'M SORRY. I CAN'T GO ON ANY FURTHER...
HUH?


POKK
...
THROB
THROB


WELL?
FEH! THIS SCORPION ISN'T POISONOUS.
SHE'S FEELING A LITTLE PAIN, BUT NOTHING NEAR DEATH OR EVEN NUMBNESS.
OW! OW!
WHAT THE...?
WHAT?! SHE'S FAKING?!

WE CAN'T WASTE ANY MORE TIME! HUMA, CARRY HER!
SIR!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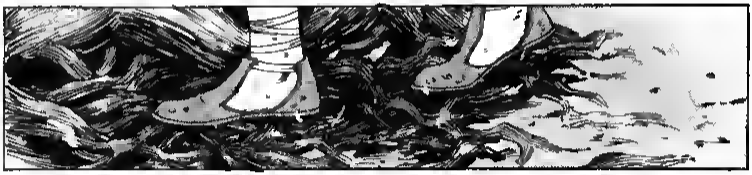
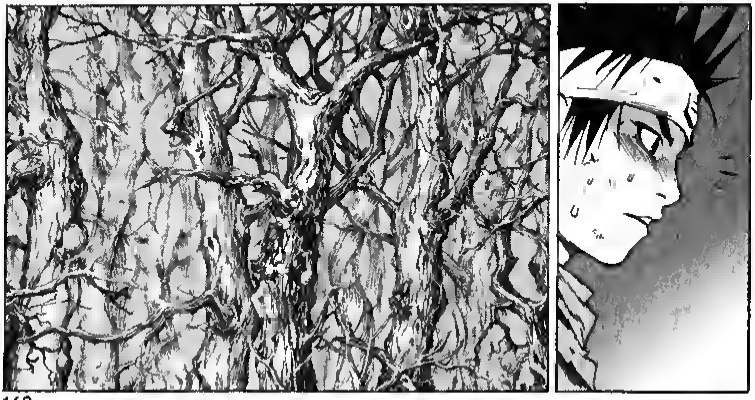
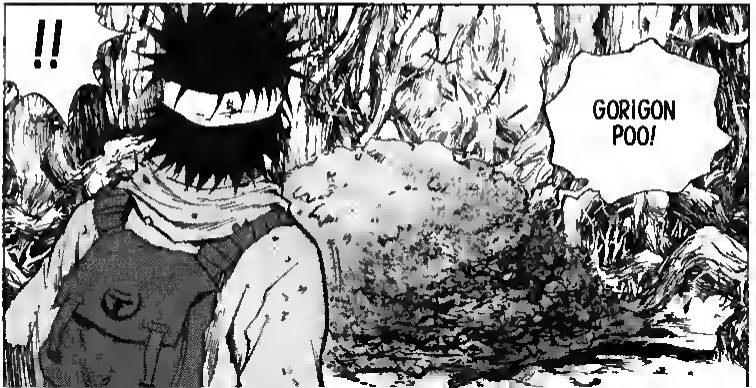
LOOK! I'M SERIOUSLY HURTIN' OVER HERE! WE SHOULD TAKE A BREAK!
IF I KEEP GOING, I'M GONNA DIE!
I'M NOT KIDDING AROUND!
Oh! Everything's spinning!
HELLOOO? INJURED PATIENT HERE?!
WHAT ARE YOU, STUPID AND DEAF?! PUT ME--
SHUT UP!! ONE MORE WORD, AND I'M GONNA PUT AN AXE THROUGH YOUR MOUTH!
...

GORIGON WOODS
THE FORBIDDEN FOREST INSIDE THE POONTAHN VALLEY. HOME TO THE GORIGON MONSTER.

I...I GOTTA GO THROUGH HERE!
IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO CATCH UP TO BANYA!



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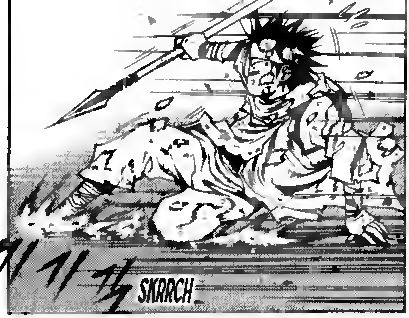
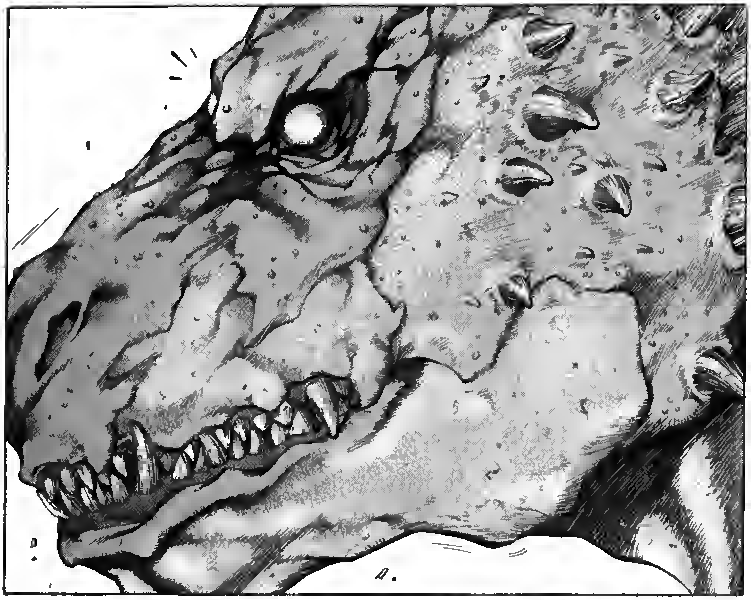
GORIGON POO!

FTCH
RUB
RUB
RUB
I'VE GOTTA GET THROUGH-- NO MATTER WHAT!

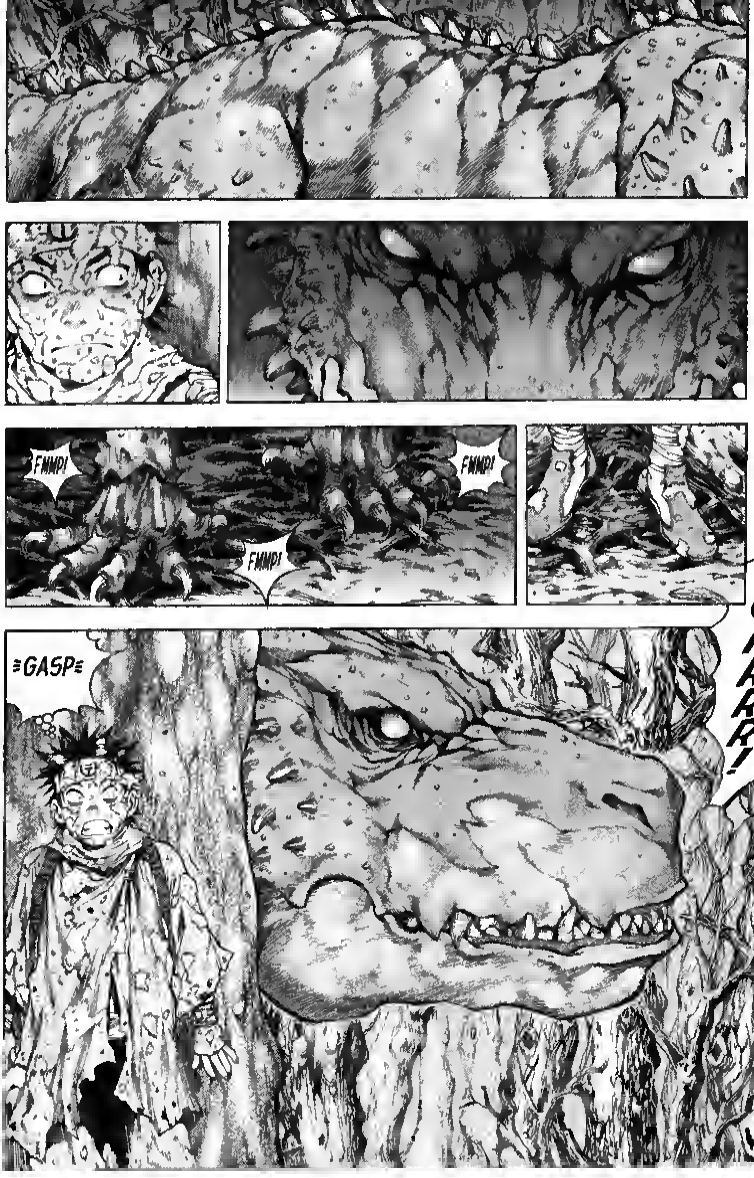

SKRRCH

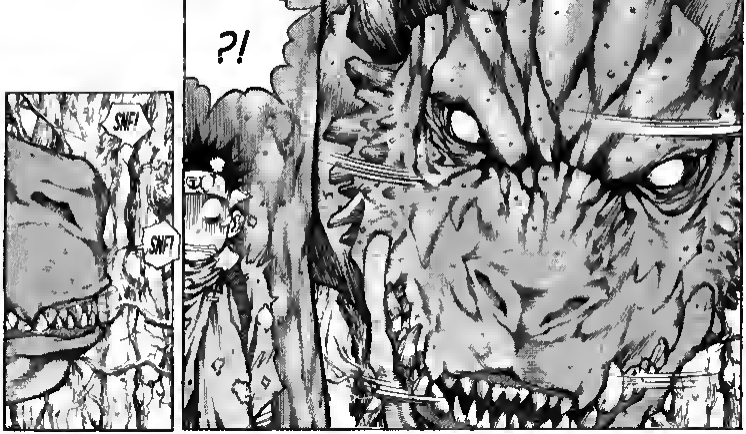
EEP!



GUH...GUH... GORIGON!
HHF!

GORIGON: THE CRUELEST, STRONGEST OF ALL THE GIANT MONSTERS. FIERCELY TERRITORIAL, THEY NEVER STRAY FROM THEIR DOMAIN, AND RESERVE NO MERCY FOR TRESPASSERS. HINDERED BY TERRIBLE VISION, THEY RELY ON THEIR HEARING AND KEEN OLFACTORY SYSTEM


FWMP!
FWMP!
FWMP!
GRRRR!
GASP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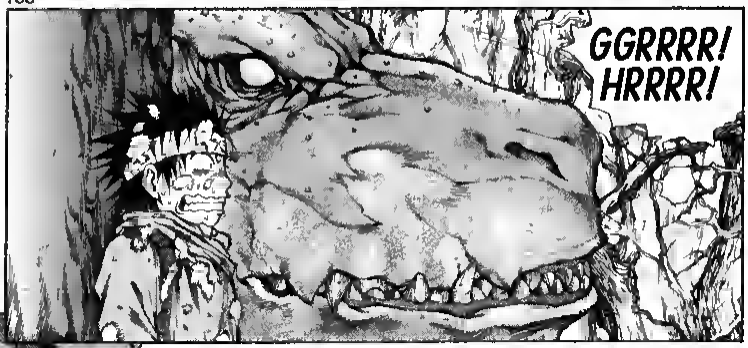
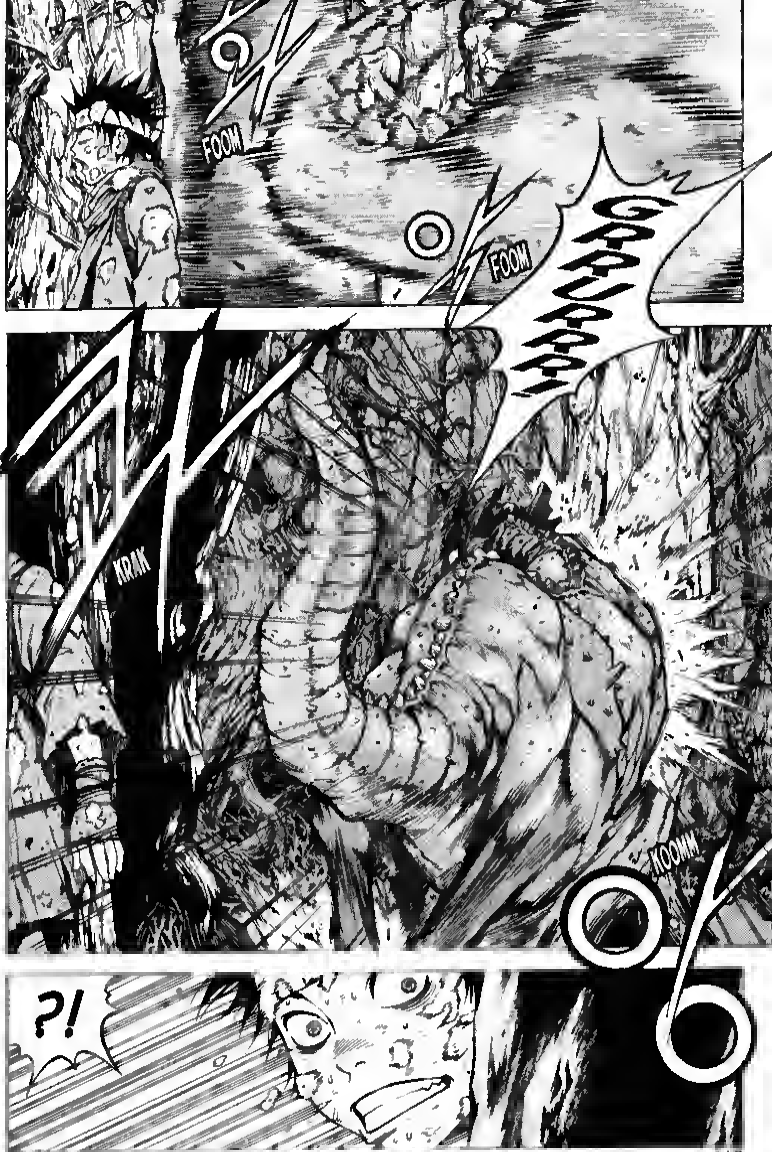
SNF!


GGRRRR!
HRRRR!

SNF!
GRUHHH!


FOOM
FOOM
GRRUMPH
KRAK
KOOM
?!

?!
HRRF!
!!
FWSHAA
CRAP!
TMP
WHAT ?!
IT'S THAT--? HOW DID--?
GGGRRR!
HE MUST VE BEEN FOLLOW ING ME!

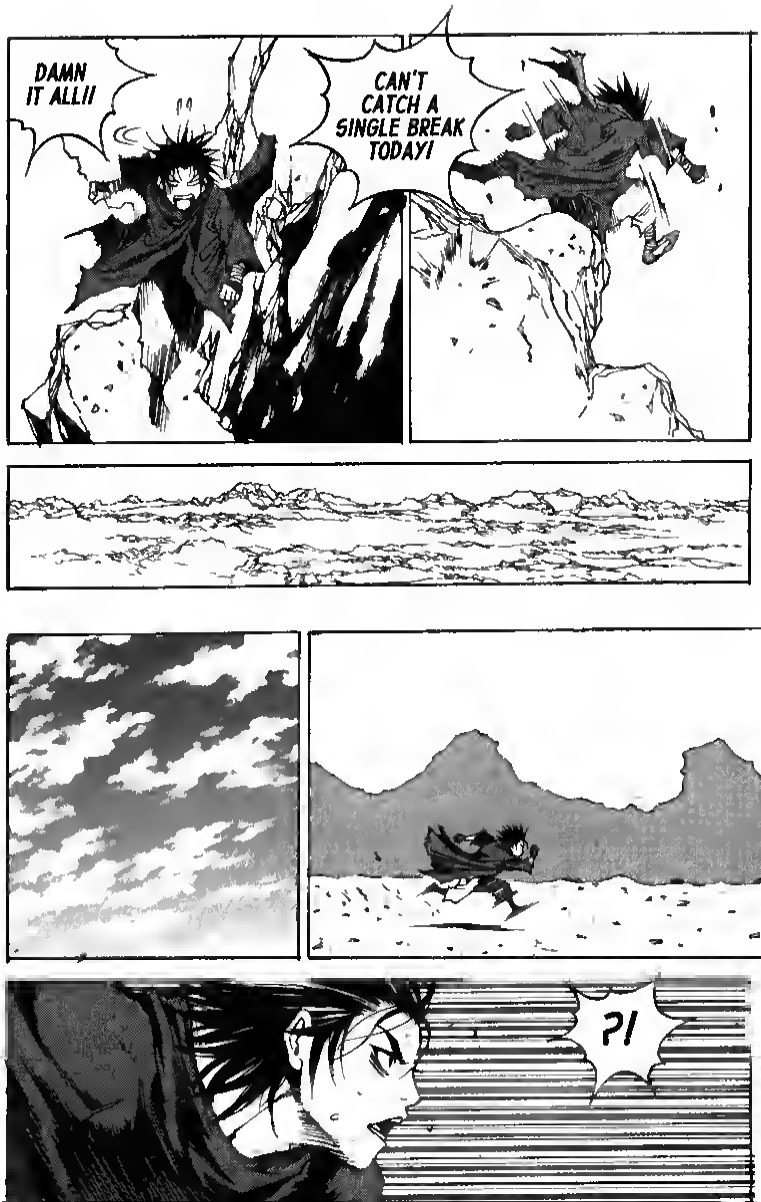
GRROWRR!
TCH!

THIS IS MY CHANCE!

LATER, SUCKER!!
KTHUMP
THUMP
THUMP
CRASH
SMASH!!

...
OH, DAMN!

THOSE TORREN ARE BLOCKING THE BRIDGE!
I have to get across it!
WHAT TO DO, WHAT TO DO?! SHOULD I WAIT 'TIL NIGHTFALL?
NO...EVEN AT NIGHT, I'D NEVER GET ACROSS WITHOUT BEING SEEN.
I HAVE TO TURN AROUND AND GO THROUGH POONTAHN VALLEY. THAT'LL BE SAFER!


DAMN IT ALL!!
CAN'T CATCH A SINGLE BREAK TODAY!
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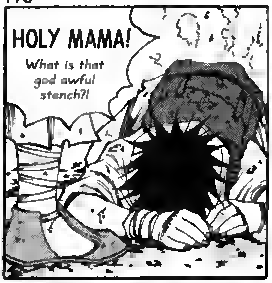
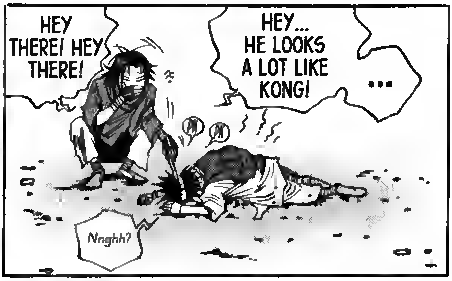
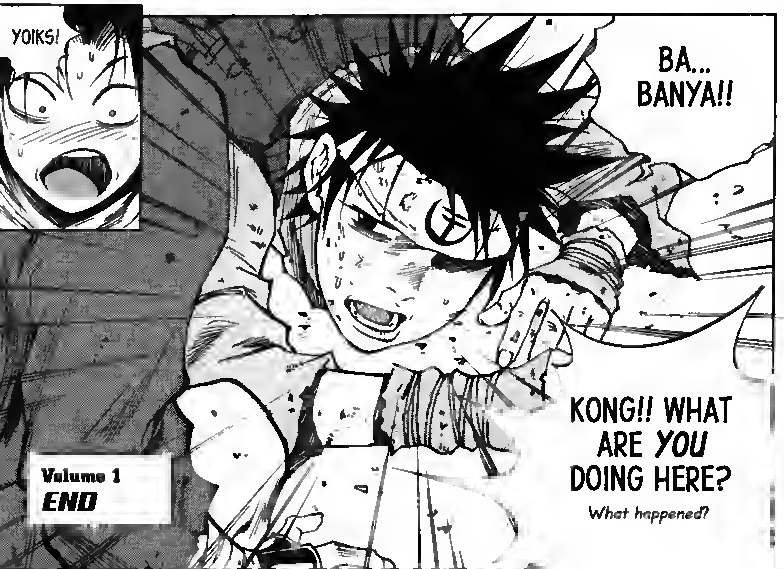
WHAT THE--?! SOMEONE'S ON THE GROUND!
HEY! YOU OKA--


HOLY MAMA!
What is that god awful stench?!


HEY THERE! HEY THERE!
HEY... HE LOOKS A LOT LIKE KONG!
...
Nnghh?


YOIKS!
BA... BANYA!!
KONG!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
What happened?
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It was an utterly hot day, as I recall. Riding a beat-up motorcycle and covered in sweat, he delivered the mail. There was not a moment to relax before going on to the next stop, and I can still see that delivery man working, in my mind.

Come rain, come snow . . . they finish their exhausting duty with dignity. And though it is hard work, this pride in their work makes them beautiful . . .

And so to all of our country's mailmen, I give thanks. This manhwa book is dedicated to them.

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